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This issue

No changes have been made to the layout of *Quarterly Regional Statistics* since the last issue.

Table 5, **manufacturing principal statistics**, reflects revised data but 1997 is the end of the road for sub-provincial SIC80-based data. We are working with the 1998 NAICS-based sub-provincial data but cannot tie it back to the old series - even for total manufacturing. Again you should keep the table from this issue for future reference.

Regional boundaries

The geographic basis of this document is the 1996 Census geography.

More Regional Data

Our Internet site includes a general search tool and screens providing a subject matter search as well as a geographic search tool (**Regions**). The regions pages provide a more intuitive access to the many maps that we have on-line. With these changes users can more easily locate our small area data offerings.

The **Regional Index** is now available on our site. This popular regional overview has been granted new life as an Internet only publication. You can get to it from our home page or enter www.regionalindex.gov.bc.ca/ into your browser's navigation bar. Some of the text remains to be updated. the reincarnation of a valuable regional research tool.

We have updated our regional **Socio-Economic Profiles and Indices** available freely on our Internet site. These regional profiles represent a significant resource for researchers, policy makers, investors and students. They are complemented by another product - **2001 Census Profiles**. At the regional district level they are freely available on our web site. Each consists of a cover, 3 pages of comparative charts and tables, and a 14-page data supplement. We will shortly release additional profiles for Vancouver Island, the eight development regions, and the 79 provincial electoral districts. The free BC, regional district, and development region level profiles are a highly detailed companion for *Quarterly Regional Statistics*.

Compared to the 1996 series the 2001 Census Profiles feature greatly extended geographic coverage (over 1400 places). Available geography consists of census subdivisions (municipalities, regional district electoral areas, and Indian reserves), designated places (unincorporated places of local significance), census metropolitan areas and census agglomerations (larger urban areas), and census tracts (neighbourhoods in selected urban areas). They are available in our WebStore at a

modest price ($5 each) or in the subscription area ($200 per year). Many public and academic libraries in the province offer free access to our subscription site.

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Our Internet site for the **British Columbia Manufacturers' Directory** is freely accessible. This free site opens up many opportunities to Internet users and the listed firms. You can search for a particular firm, filter the database to all firms meeting your criteria, send us an update of your current listing or a new listing, or place an order for the book or database.

There are several geographic fields which means you can easily generate a list of firms in a specific area. The Advanced Search allows you to combine search criteria giving powerful tools to more sophisticated users.

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General — Regional Data Products from *BC STATS*

Census Profile *(Every 5 Years)*

There are a range of similar products for different Censuses and geographies. Eighteen-page profile for 2001 Census. Graphic presentation, some with tables. Mix of free and pay to download or subscription access. See www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca/census.htm

Regional and Community Facts *(Semi-Annual)*

A two- page compendium of statistics including: population; selected Census characteristics; residential property assessment summary; building permits; personal taxation; BC Benefits recipients; E.I. beneficiaries; incorporations; and bankruptcies. Annual data, two pages per region or community. On our Web site for free access. Updated two times a year.

Community Profiles *(Always Current)*

A series of looseleaf binders, each devoted to one of 28 regional districts, featuring the broadest range of regional data. Some maps and charts. 200+ to 400+ pages per regional district with most data provided for all communities in each region. Annual data maintained so that purchaser gets latest available information.

Socio-Economic Statistical Profiles AND Indices *(Annual)*

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Product	Data Frequency		Regions Included					Pages		Price (add 7% GST)	
	Monthly, Quarterly	Annual	B.C.	Dev. Regions	Reg. Dist	Comm unity	Other	Per Region	Total	Per Region	All Regions
Census Profile		5 yr cycle			•	•	•	6	2,742	$5	$2,000 or free on Web
Community Facts		•			•	•		2	350	$10	$50 or free on Web site
Community Profiles		•	•	•	•	•	•	200 to 400	10,000	$65[42]	$1,682[24]
Socio-Economic Statistical Profiles / Indices		•			•		•	Varies	Varies	$10	RD $200 LHA $500 free on Web
Quarterly Regional Statistics	•	•	•	•	•			6	240	$5	$100 per year (4 issues)
Regional Index		5 yr cycle		•	•	•		n/a	n/a	n/a	Free on Web

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This 25-year forecast projects the composition of the population in each regional district. Detailed statistical tables provide historical and forecast population by age and sex, including components of change. For topical articles and methodology ask about the *B.C. Population Forecast* publication. Available on paper or PDF file. Updated annually. Available in WebStore at www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

Local Health Area Population Projection *(Annual)*

This 25-year forecast projects the composition of the population in each local health area. Detailed statistical tables provide historical and forecast population by age and sex, including components of change. For topical articles and methodology ask about the *B.C. Population Forecast* publication. Available on paper or PDF file. Updated annually. Available in Webstore at www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

Manufacturers' Directory *(Annual)*

Lists B.C. manufacturers by company name (detailed listing), industry, product, and regional district by community. This publication details 5,000 manufacturers including employment size, commodities produced, export status and a contact name and address. Available in print, as a CSV file on diskette, or searchable free Web-enabled version at www.made-in-bc.ca.

Major Projects Inventory *(Quarterly)*

Information on major capital projects, listed by development region and status (proposed, under construction, on hold or completed). Includes brief regional profiles and maps. Updated quarterly.

Tourism Sector Monitor (formerly *Tourism Room Revenue*) *(Monthly)*

A monthly release, available by subscription, with estimates of revenues received from room rental by type of accommodation, with a geographic breakdown by development region, regional district and selected urban areas. Seasonally adjusted estimates are provided for development region totals and for accommodation type totals. Approximately 16 pages per month. Available in Webstore.

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Regional District Population Projection		•	•		•			9	280	$5	$150/ paper CD avail
Local Health Area Population Projection		•	•				•	9	725	$5	$300/ paper CD avail
Manufacturers' Directory -2002	Annual SnapShot		•		•	•		Varies	600	n/a	$45
Manufacturers' Directory - Disk	Current SnapShot		•		•	•		n/a	n/a	n/a	$350
Major Projects Inventory	Quarterly SnapShot			•				Varies	40	n/a	$75 (4 issues)
Tourism Sector Monitor	•	•	•	•	•			n/a	16 / month	n/a	$60 / year

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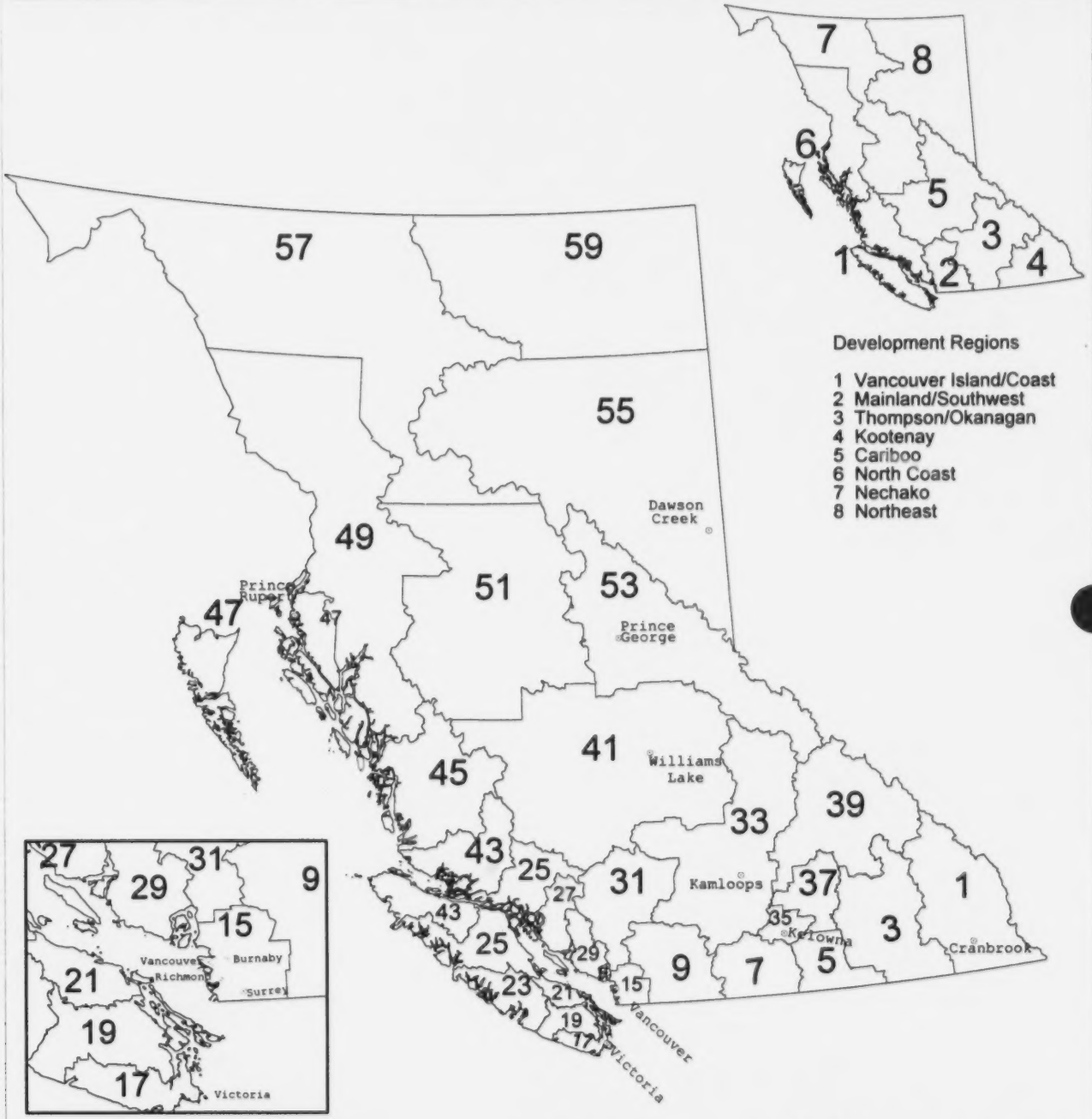
British Columbia Regional Districts
1996 Boundaries



Development Regions

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3 Thompson/Okanagan
4 Kootenay
5 Cariboo
6 North Coast
7 Nechako
8 Northeast

Regional Districts:

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3 Central Kootenay
5 Kootenay-Boundary
7 Okanagan-Similkameen
9 Fraser Valley
15 Greater Vancouver
17 Capital
19 Cowichan Valley
21 Nanaimo
23 Alberni-Clayoquot
25 Comox-Strathcona
27 Powell River
29 Sunshine Coast
31 Squamish-Lillooet
33 Thompson-Nicola
35 Central Okanagan
37 North Okanagan
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43 Mount Waddington
45 Central Coast
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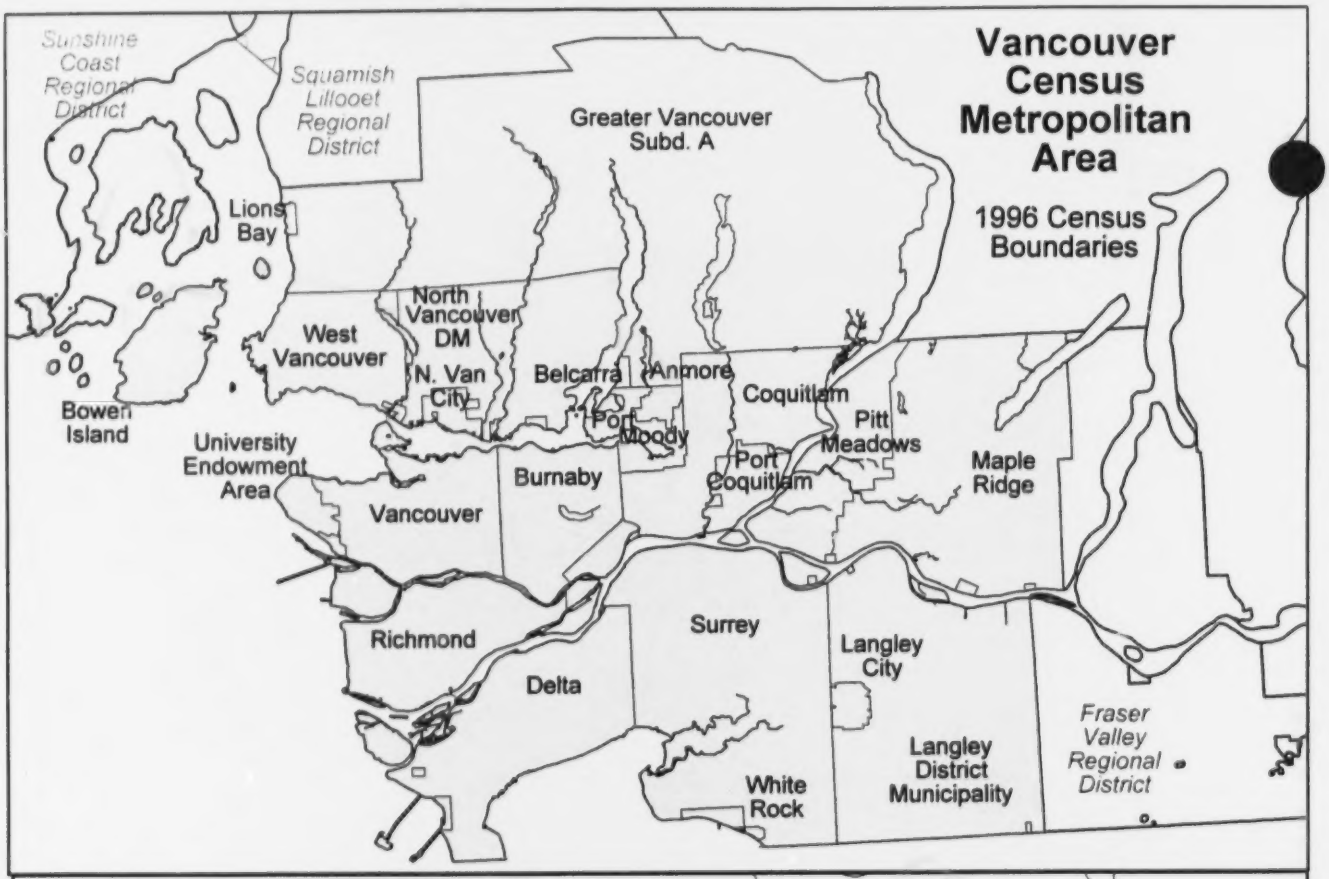

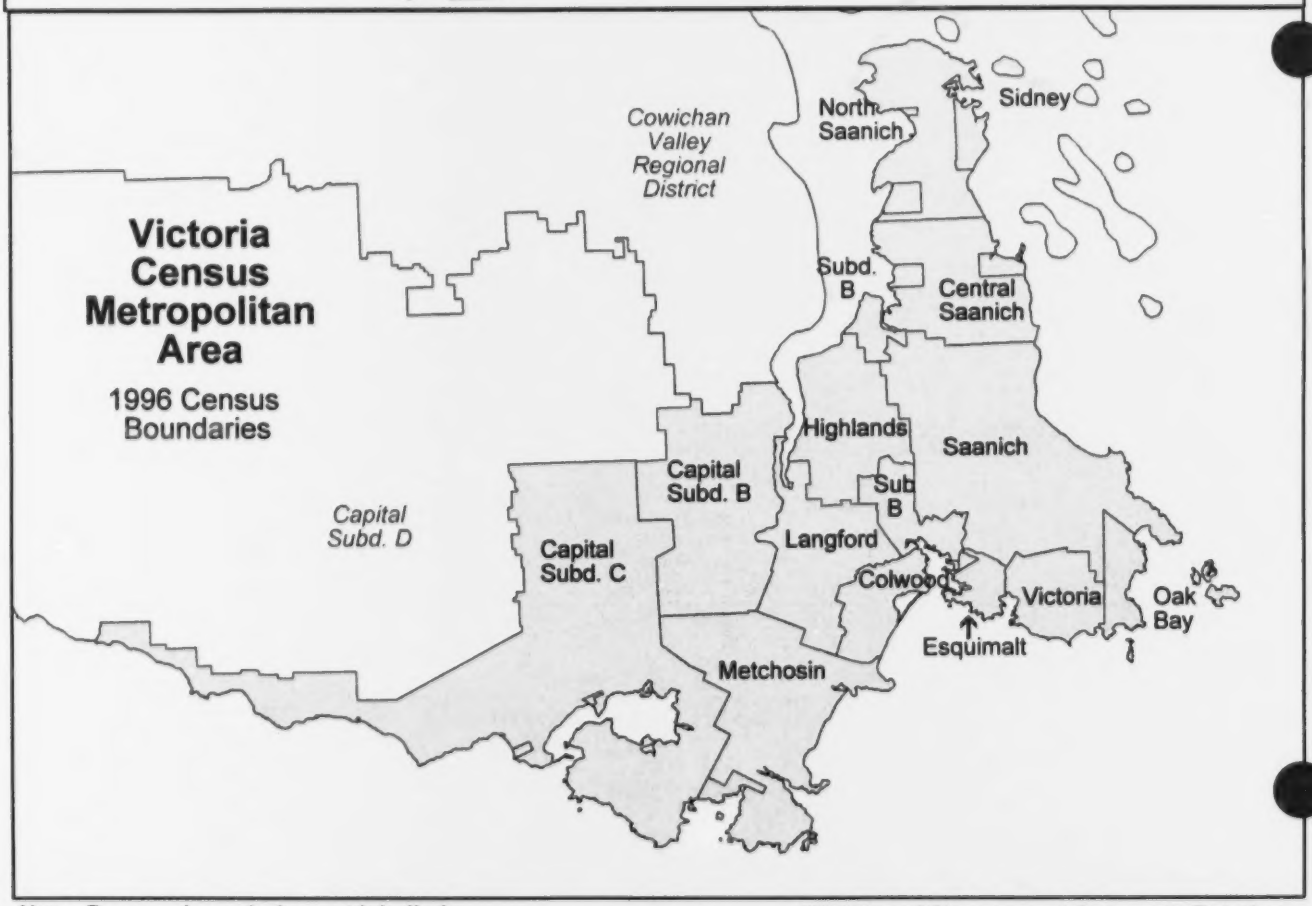

Note: Reserve boundaries not labelled

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1 General Economy

Although the services sector is the largest component of British Columbia's economy (as measured by the Gross Domestic Product), the Province is still heavily dependent on natural resource industries. When inter-industry linkages are taken into account, the resource sector is still responsible for at least one quarter of the jobs in British Columbia. Forest-based industries form the most important segment of the Provincial economy. Virtually every community in the province relies to some degree on the industry. Of all manufacturing industries in B.C., wood industries rank first, followed closely by the paper and allied industries. These two industries combined account for almost one half of all manufacturing in British Columbia. Mining is another important resource industry for British Columbia. Coal mining is the most significant activity in the East Kootenay Region, and oil and gas exploration is the major economic driver of the Peace River and Northern Rockies Regions. In addition, there are a significant number of metal mines in the Province. Copper is by far the most important metal mined in British Columbia. Metal manufacturing is a significant activity for some communities, particularly Trail and Kitimat where there are large lead-zinc and aluminum smelters respectively. Other significant resource industries are agriculture and fishing. Agriculture in B.C. is very diverse, ranging from cattle ranching, to dairy, to poultry, to fruit orchards, to wine grapes. Most of the agricultural activity is located in the southern regions of the Province, primarily around the Okanagan and the Kootenays. Fishing is more predominant in Northern B.C., around Prince Rupert, and the north of Vancouver Island. The fish canning industry is concentrated mainly in Vancouver, Richmond and Prince Rupert. Tourism is also an important economic driver for B.C. It accounts for about 4.8 per cent of the Provincial Gross Domestic Product, which is slightly more than the direct contribution of the mining industry. The Lower Mainland and Vancouver Island-Coast Regions account for more than half of travel expenditures, and Vancouver and Victoria are among the top 20 travel destinations in the world.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P28 completed in the Summer of 2003. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2002

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	British Columbia							Canada	
		Firms with	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
		No Em-ployees	Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	157,625	137,684	12,604	6,204	1,160	157,652	100.0%	100.0%	1,047,141
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	8,842	8,054	510	204	22	8,790	5.6%	5.9%	61,381
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	925	639	57	35	13	744	0.5%	0.8%	8,114
22	Utilities	125	116	14	12	6	148	0.1%	0.1%	1,185
23	Construction	24,616	15,155	1,113	442	41	16,751	10.6%	10.5%	109,958
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	5,318	6,510	1,039	799	191	8,539	5.4%	6.2%	64,400
41	Wholesale Trade	7,505	8,961	927	377	36	10,301	6.5%	6.3%	66,242
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	10,399	15,650	1,555	758	138	18,101	11.5%	12.6%	132,059
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	7,932	6,520	407	233	64	7,224	4.6%	4.4%	46,070
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	2,515	1,976	244	136	34	2,390	1.5%	1.3%	13,921
52	Finance & Insurance	9,240	4,426	550	219	47	5,242	3.3%	3.3%	34,999
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	21,436	6,428	444	227	24	7,123	4.5%	3.8%	39,834
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	23,590	16,575	895	356	38	17,864	11.3%	10.9%	113,668
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	8,846	2,810	281	157	16	3,264	2.1%	1.7%	17,479
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	7,286	6,859	532	232	44	7,667	4.9%	4.5%	46,950
61	Educational Services	1,269	1,580	173	90	91	1,934	1.2%	1.1%	11,385
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	1,467	12,158	899	470	134	13,661	8.7%	7.8%	81,363
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	2,959	2,437	250	141	30	2,858	1.8%	1.7%	17,998
72	Accom. & Food Services	4,654	8,370	2,087	1,047	58	11,562	7.3%	7.2%	75,090
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	8,694	11,921	503	148	31	12,603	8.0%	9.3%	97,313
91	Public Administration	7	539	124	121	102	886	0.6%	0.7%	7,732

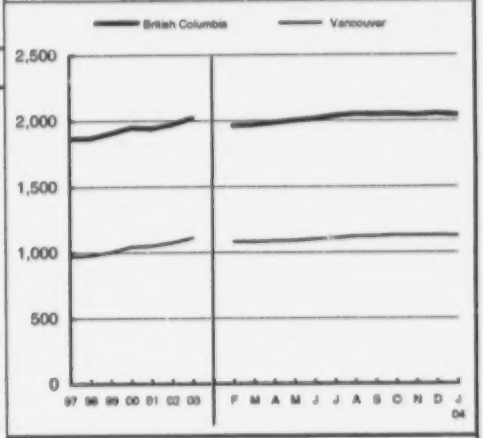
Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

British Columbia

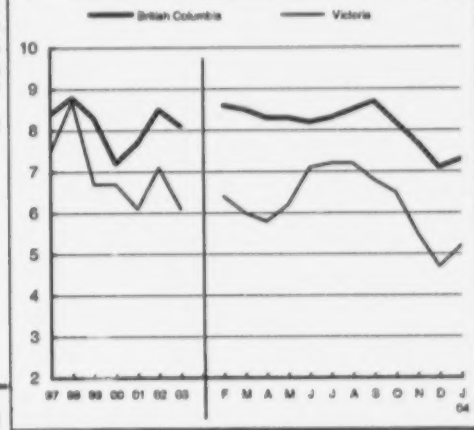
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		British Columbia		Vancouver		Victoria	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %
	1994	1,754.0	9.0	908.9	8.6	144.3	7.1
	1995	1,792.3	8.4	929.6	7.9	143.1	8.4
	1996	1,821.2	8.7	948.6	8.0	143.5	8.5
	1997	1,869.0	8.4	971.3	8.3	149.8	7.5
	1998	1,870.2	8.8	979.6	8.1	146.6	8.7
	1999	1,906.4	8.3	1,005.4	7.8	154.2	6.7
	2000	1,949.1	7.2	1,044.5	5.9	153.6	6.7
	2001	1,942.4	7.7	1,051.1	6.6	148.9	6.1
	2002	1,973.4	8.5	1,076.2	7.8	151.2	7.1
	2003	2,023.3	8.1	1,110.8	7.3	155.2	6.1
2003	Jan	1,969.8	8.5	1,090.1	7.6	150.1	6.5
	Feb	1,964.3	8.6	1,084.0	7.6	151.5	6.4
	Mar	1,971.3	8.5	1,083.4	7.4	152.8	6.0
	Apr	1,987.8	8.3	1,089.9	7.3	153.2	5.8
	May	2,002.6	8.3	1,092.1	7.2	153.4	6.2
	Jun	2,017.3	8.2	1,102.0	7.2	152.0	7.1
	Jul	2,038.0	8.3	1,110.2	7.7	154.2	7.2
	Aug	2,052.7	8.5	1,123.8	8.0	156.2	7.2
	Sep	2,050.9	8.7	1,125.8	8.6	156.9	6.8
	Oct	2,051.6	8.2	1,131.3	8.0	156.1	6.5
	Nov	2,045.5	7.7	1,129.3	7.2	156.7	5.5
	Dec	2,053.8	7.1	1,131.9	6.1	159.2	4.7
2004	Jan	2,042.9	7.3	1,128.5	6.1	157.9	5.2
	Feb						
	Mar						
	Apr						
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Jan03	1,900.6	7.9	1,032.3	6.4	143.8	7.1
	Jan-Jan04	1,899.6	9.6	1,035.1	8.2	151.2	8.0
	% Change	-0.1		0.3		5.1	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



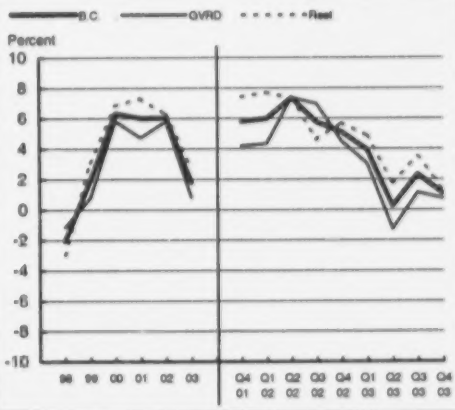
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
Annual	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
data	2002	40,272.6	19,996.5	20,276.1	6.0	5.8	6.3
	2003	40,998.1	20,161.5	20,836.6	1.8	0.8	2.8
	02 4	10,746.4	5,282.7	5,463.7	5.1	4.5	5.7
Quarterly	03 1	9,183.5	4,597.1	4,586.4	3.9	3.0	4.8
data	03 2	10,405.9	5,160.5	5,245.4	0.2	-1.3	1.8
	03 3	10,549.5	5,081.9	5,467.6	2.3	1.1	3.5
	03 4	10,859.2	5,322.0	5,537.2	1.0	0.7	1.3

Source: Statistics Canada. Based on monthly survey.

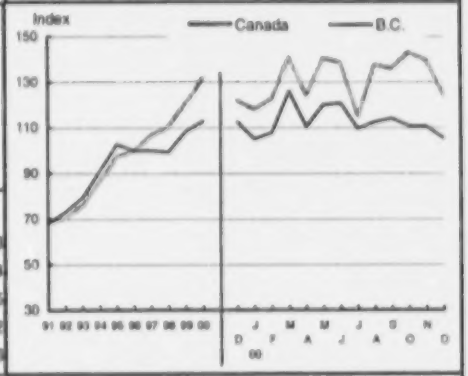
Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	291	324	321		
25	Wood	601	714	686		
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	264	302	297		
30	Metal Fabricating	547	650	634		
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	3,881	4,378	4,228		
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	3,626.9	3,671.2	3,652.2	3,511.0	3,502.3
25	Wood	11,234.0	11,264.3	11,474.1	10,239.3	12,201.4
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	8,920.0	9,038.8	9,164.0	8,018.9	9,554.5
30	Metal Fabricating	1,554.3	1,725.9	1,814.6	1,877.0	1,953.2
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	35,040.3	34,096.0	34,582.6	33,890.2	36,994.3
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	17,467	16,475	16,171		
25	Wood	41,068	38,973	40,357		
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	29,108	27,524	27,932		
30	Metal Fabricating	11,246	11,034	12,173		
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	150,457	148,529	156,422		
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	588.1	546.5	531.5		
25	Wood	1,904.1	1,840.0	1,900.0		
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	1,416.4	1,371.6	1,399.8		
30	Metal Fabricating	417.1	429.4	477.5		
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	6,369.9	6,308.9	6,649.9		

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



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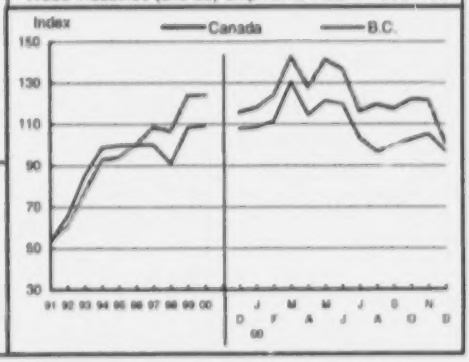
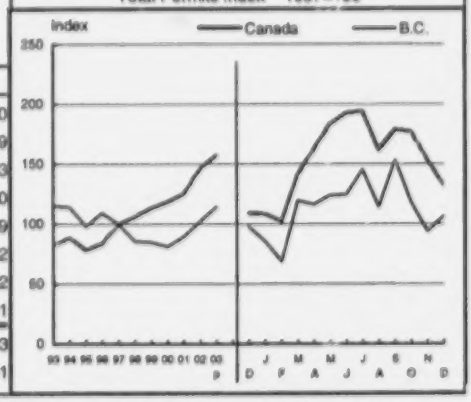


Source: Statistics Canada, published and unpublished editions of 31-203; and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Comm-ercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1996	6,053.1	1,957.1	252.6	20.1	478.6	4,096.0	32,410
1997	5,537.2	1,958.6	285.4	12.2	315.0	3,578.6	28,659
1998	4,739.6	2,022.4	273.3	21.2	438.0	2,717.3	20,943
1999	4,695.9	2,104.0	319.4	15.7	642.5	2,591.9	18,630
2000	4,492.0	2,088.9	295.5	23.3	496.1	2,403.1	15,739
2001	4,954.8	2,124.9	221.4	19.5	732.3	2,829.9	17,542
2002	5,659.4	1,771.3	230.1	24.2	424.4	3,888.1	24,772
2003 p	6,326.8	1,842.9	240.6	18.0	449.8	4,483.9	26,961
YTD Dec '02	5,637.8	1,757.7	232.6	24.2	348.5	3,880.1	24,753
YTD Dec '03	6,326.8	1,842.9	240.6	18.0	449.8	4,483.9	26,961

Total Permits Index 1997=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

British Columbia

7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
British Columbia	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,219,898.9	335,825.8	352,914.7	531,158.4	
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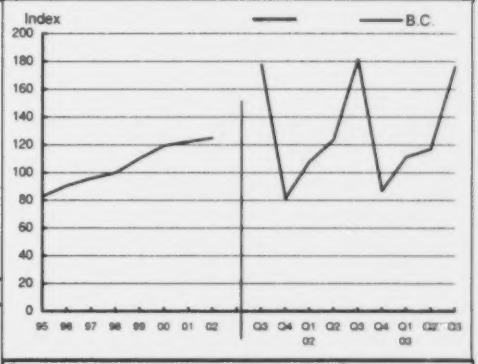
	2000	table.				
	2001					
	2002					
	2003					

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100



British Columbia 2002 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

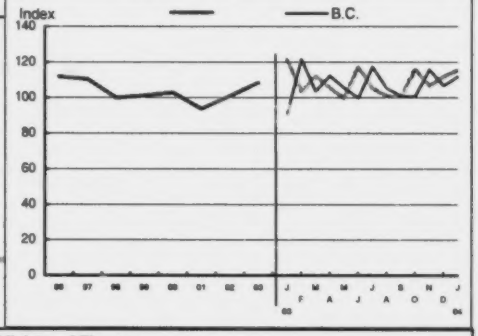
Total	1,506,185.8	100.0%	Motels	181,790.3	12.1%
Fishing lodges	17,483.0	1.2%	Vacation Rentals	112,438.6	7.5%
Hotels	1,125,127.8	74.7%	Miscellaneous	69,345.9	4.6%
250+ Rooms	465,543.4	30.9%			
150-249 Rooms	188,385.4	12.5%			
76-149 Rooms	297,026.3	19.7%			
1-75 Rooms	174,172.8	11.6%			

Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1996	23,237
1997	22,958
1998	20,759
1999	21,009
2000	21,386
2001	19,474
2002	20,987
2003	22,531
Jan-Jan 03	2,104
Jan-Jan 04	1,998

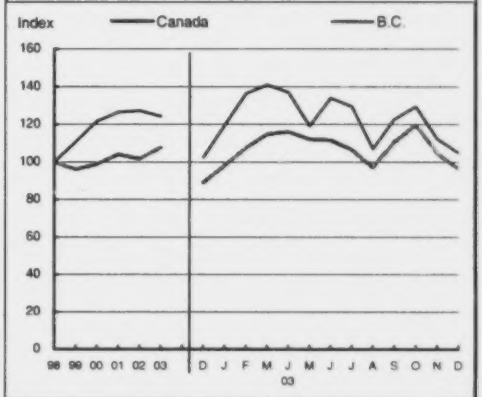
Incorporations Index 1998=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1998=100
Total = Consumer + Business



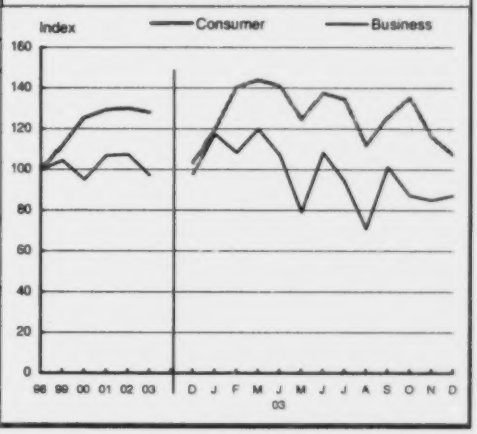
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

	B.C.		Urban centres total		Non-urban B.C.	
Year	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1999	8,181	1,077	7,325	905	854	170
2000	9,184	980	8,198	828	983	148
2001	9,476	1,101	8,287	913	1,187	187
2002	9,531	1,107	8,319	917	1,208	188
2003	9,385	1,002	8,207	829	1,186	173
Jan-Dec 02	9,531	1,107	8,319	917	1,208	188
Jan-Dec 03	9,385	1,002	8,207	829	1,186	173

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

B.C. Indices 1998=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

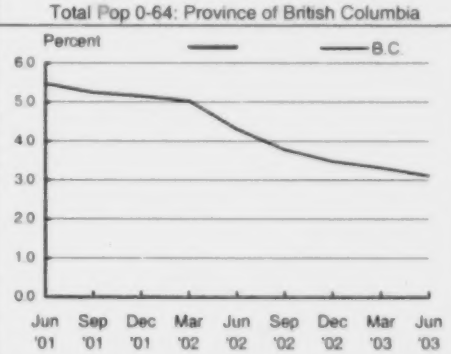
(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women Tot. Female 19-64
British Columbia	Mar '01	5.6	8.1	6.5	4.7	2.5
	Jun '01	5.5	8.1	6.4	4.6	2.5
	Sep '01	5.3	7.8	5.9	4.4	2.4
	Dec '01	5.2	7.5	5.9	4.3	2.3
	Mar '02	5.0	7.4	5.7	4.3	2.2
	Jun '02	4.3	6.4	4.5	3.7	2.0
	Sep '02	3.8	5.6	3.7	3.2	1.8
	Dec '02	3.5	5.1	3.3	3.0	1.6
	Mar '03	3.3	4.8	3.1	2.9	1.5
	Jun '03	3.1	4.5	2.9	2.7	1.4

Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of June '03)

	B.C.	Canada
Total Number of Recipients	110,570	no data available
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	39.6	no data available
1-2 Years	14.7	
>2 Years	45.7	

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipientsas % of Total Pop 0-64: Province of British Columbia



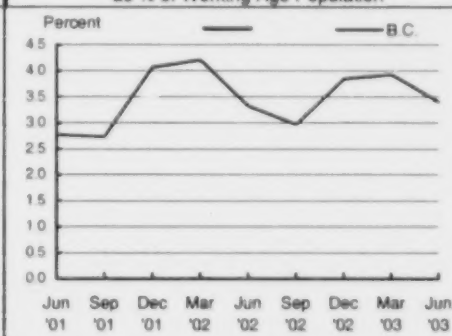
Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996.

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64	
3.3	3.2	3.6	2.2	Mar '01
2.8	2.6	3.0	1.6	Jun '01
2.7	2.4	3.1	1.4	Sep '01
4.1	3.7	4.5	2.5	Dec '01
4.2	3.8	4.6	2.5	Mar '02
3.3	2.9	3.7	1.8	Jun '02
3.0	2.5	3.4	1.5	Sep '02
3.8	3.4	4.2	2.5	Dec '02
3.9	3.6	4.3	2.6	Mar '03
3.4	3.0	3.8	2.0	Jun '03

EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

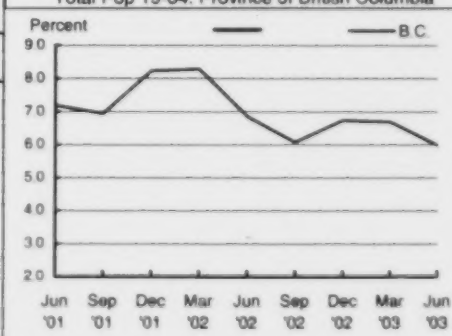
- Data too small to release.

12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64
British Columbia	Jun '01	7.2	8.8	7.5	4.4
	Sep '01	6.9	8.1	7.3	4.1
	Dec '01	8.2	9.3	8.7	5.3
	Mar '02	8.3	9.3	8.8	5.0
	Jun '02	6.8	7.3	7.3	4.2
	Sep '02	6.1	6.2	6.6	3.7
	Dec '02	6.7	6.6	7.2	4.6
	Mar '03	6.7	6.6	7.2	4.6
	Jun '03	6.0	5.8	6.4	3.9

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Province of British Columbia



Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details.

British Columbia

13 Demographics

The British Columbia population is getting larger and older. The major factor driving population growth is migration to British Columbia. The ageing of the population is caused by a long-term historical decline in fertility rates. The baby boom that occurred between the end of World War II and the mid-sixties helped delay the onset of the full effect of this ageing. As these "boomers" reach retirement age, the ageing of the population will accelerate. As the population ages, the rate of natural increase will fall, which means that migration will become an even greater part of population growth in the future.

14 Projection

Interprovincial migration levels have fallen substantially after several years of extremely large inflows. The provincial share of international migration has increased over the last few years and the higher levels are expected to be maintained for at least the short-term. As a result, population growth should persist, despite the drop in interprovincial migration.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							House-holds	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	177.4	577.3	333.4	699.7	500.8	245.2	2,533.8	849.4	0.492	0.160	0.652	1976
1981	195.0	546.7	377.6	861.3	542.0	301.2	2,823.9	1,022.8	0.416	0.169	0.586	1981
1986	209.4	528.1	340.5	983.4	584.5	358.2	3,004.1	1,157.7	0.386	0.188	0.574	1986
1991	227.9	577.6	326.2	1,146.1	666.9	428.6	3,373.4	1,278.5	0.377	0.200	0.577	1991
1996	242.4	662.5	361.3	1,291.8	837.3	486.9	3,882.0	1,484.9	0.363	0.196	0.559	1996
2001	213.6	676.4	385.7	1,277.8	1,007.2	540.9	4,101.6	1,630.6	0.333	0.203	0.536	2001
2006	202.9	647.1	404.8	1,269.9	1,197.9	603.0	4,325.6	1,794.7	0.296	0.210	0.506	2006
2011	213.7	616.2	411.4	1,309.9	1,369.5	688.1	4,608.8	1,975.6	0.269	0.223	0.491	2011
2016	226.8	608.1	409.3	1,380.3	1,449.7	835.1	4,909.4	2,161.1	0.258	0.258	0.516	2016
2021	233.8	634.6	379.7	1,461.1	1,484.1	1,001.7	5,194.9	2,311.8	0.261	0.301	0.562	2021
2026	234.8	663.7	380.1	1,484.5	1,515.6	1,179.8	5,458.4	2,443.2	0.266	0.349	0.615	2026
2031	232.1	680.7	399.3	1,470.9	1,567.1	1,341.3	5,691.4	2,571.0	0.266	0.390	0.656	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

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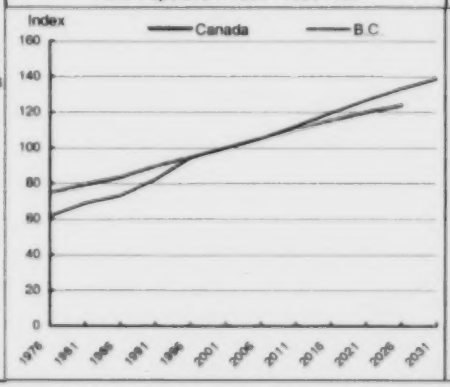

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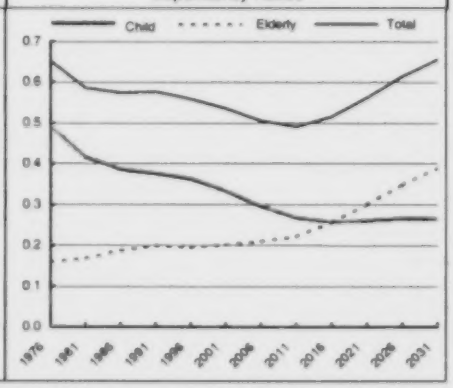


Source: Population data are Projection P-28, run in Summer 2003. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

Vancouver Island/Coast
Development Region

1 General Economy

Regional Districts in Development Region: Capital, Cowichan Valley, Nanaimo, Alberni-Clayoquot, Comox-Strathcona, Powell River, Mount Waddington, Central Coast

Activities and events in the Vancouver Island/Coast Development Region (DR1) have not changed appreciably from 2002. Resource based activities in the North continue to decline while manufacturing and mixed development continue in the Southeast.

Forestry and fisheries continue to be slow in the North, while mining has increased marginally with coal bed methane exploration and the reopening of Myra Falls (2002).

Demand for electrical energy has continued to grow and will likely result in more generation facilities being built in some areas. Coal burning for electrical generation has begun at some facilities reducing demand on the power from the mainland. In the South, housing and mixed development continues to grow while manufacturing has slowed recently. Tourism is expected to increase at least marginally for the whole development region.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P28 completed in the Summer of 2003. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2002

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Vancouver Island/Coast							British Columbia	
		Firms with	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
		No Employees	Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	24,571	22,890	1,876	877	187	25,830	100.0%	100.0%	157,421
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt.	1,521	1,335	94	55	9	1,493	5.8%	5.7%	9,047
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	58	46	2	4	1	53	0.2%	0.5%	778
22	Utilities	15	12	2	2	1	17	0.1%	0.1%	154
23	Construction	4,154	2,669	180	51	3	2,903	11.2%	10.7%	16,879
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	909	994	85	74	21	1,174	4.5%	5.6%	8,797
41	Wholesale Trade	844	916	65	28	2	1,011	3.9%	6.5%	10,253
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	1,819	2,995	280	126	25	3,426	13.3%	11.3%	17,808
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	1,050	881	42	17	6	946	3.7%	4.6%	7,319
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	260	216	43	17	4	280	1.1%	1.6%	2,484
52	Finance & Insurance	1,201	610	78	24	5	717	2.8%	3.4%	5,304
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	3,265	995	65	25	2	1,087	4.2%	4.5%	7,019
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	3,655	2,851	112	36	0	2,999	11.6%	11.3%	17,711
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	1,291	411	27	17	3	458	1.8%	2.1%	3,267
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	1,147	1,107	74	24	6	1,211	4.7%	4.8%	7,564
61	Educational Services	224	269	23	16	18	326	1.3%	1.2%	1,820
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	271	2,634	171	93	21	2,919	11.3%	8.6%	13,571
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	453	441	34	19	3	497	1.9%	1.8%	2,808
72	Accom. & Food Services	840	1,459	380	174	4	2,017	7.8%	7.3%	11,558
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	1,592	1,905	75	17	1	1,998	7.7%	7.9%	12,476
91	Public Administration	2	144	44	58	52	298	1.2%	0.5%	804

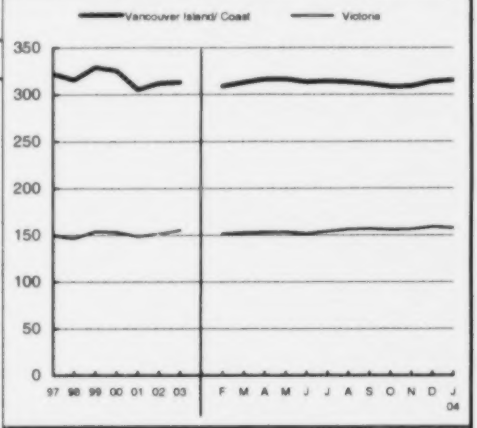
Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

Vancouver Island/Coast
Development Region

3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Vancouver Island/ Coast		Victoria		British Columbia	
		Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
	1994	0.0	0.0	144.3	7.1	1,754.0	9.0
	1995	309.9	9.2	143.1	8.4	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	309.8	9.4	143.5	8.5	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	322.7	8.6	149.8	7.5	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	315.7	9.6	146.6	8.7	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	329.1	8.0	154.2	6.7	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	325.8	7.8	153.6	6.7	1,949.1	7.2
	2001	305.3	9.1	148.9	6.1	1,942.4	7.7
	2002	311.9	8.7	151.2	7.1	1,973.4	8.5
	2003	313.1	8.7	155.2	6.1	2,023.3	8.1
2003	Jan	305.1	9.1	150.1	6.5	1,969.8	8.5
	Feb	308.7	9.0	151.5	6.4	1,964.3	8.6
	Mar	313.0	9.0	152.8	6.0	1,971.3	8.5
	Apr	316.3	8.3	153.2	5.8	1,987.8	8.3
	May	316.5	8.4	153.4	6.2	2,002.6	8.3
	Jun	313.6	8.6	152.0	7.1	2,017.3	8.2
	Jul	314.4	8.5	154.2	7.2	2,038.0	8.3
	Aug	313.5	8.8	156.2	7.2	2,052.7	8.5
	Sep	311.7	8.4	156.9	6.8	2,050.9	8.7
	Oct	308.6	8.6	156.1	6.5	2,051.6	8.2
	Nov	309.0	8.5	156.7	5.5	2,045.5	7.7
	Dec	314.1	8.7	159.2	4.7	2,053.8	7.1
2004	Jan	315.3	9.1	157.9	5.2	2,042.9	7.3
	Feb						
	Mar						
	Apr						
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Jan03	291.3	9.5	143.8	7.1	1,900.6	7.9
	Jan-Jan04	305.2	11.2	151.2	8.0	1,899.6	9.6
	% Change	4.8		5.1		-0.1	

Employment, thousands of persons



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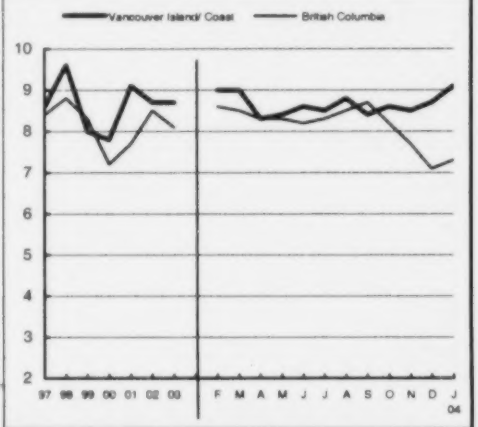


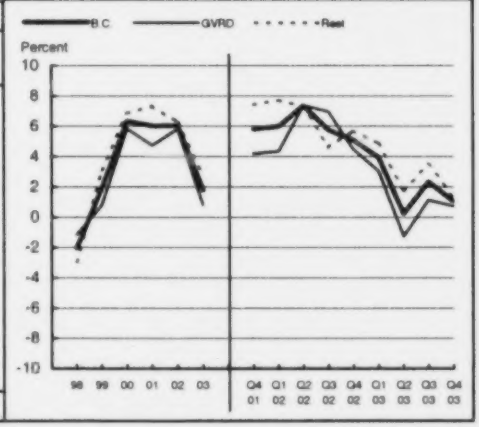
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

	Year or Year/Quarter	$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
Annual	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
data	2002	40,272.6	19,996.5	20,276.1	6.0	5.8	6.3
	2003	40,998.1	20,161.5	20,836.6	1.8	0.8	2.8
	02 4	10,746.4	5,282.7	5,463.7	5.1	4.5	5.7
Quarterly	03 1	9,183.5	4,597.1	4,586.4	3.9	3.0	4.8
data	03 2	10,405.9	5,160.5	5,245.4	0.2	-1.3	1.8
	03 3	10,549.5	5,081.9	5,467.6	2.3	1.1	3.5
	03 4	10,859.2	5,322.0	5,537.2	1.0	0.7	1.3

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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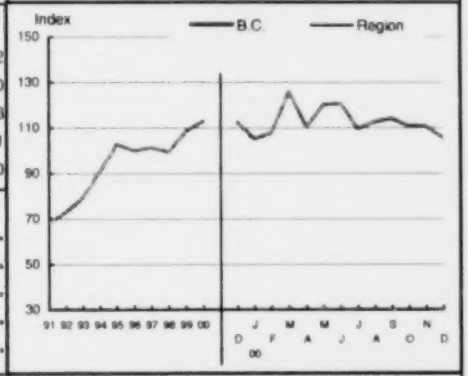
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	40	42	35	41	42
25	Wood	86	83	91	119	110
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	31	30	35	46	43
30	Metal Fabricating	60	55	62	79	71
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	427	423	472	559	540
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	**
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	**
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	**

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



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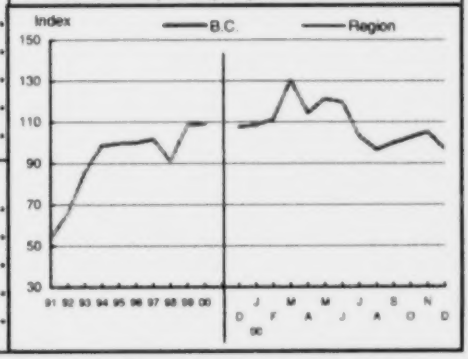
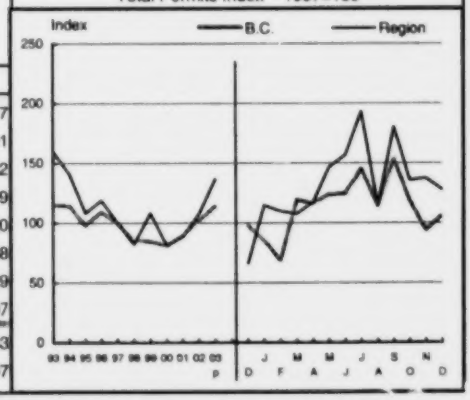


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Commercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1996	848.6	274.0	17.4	848.6	67.6	574.6	5,097
1997	713.2	237.6	13.3	713.2	56.1	475.6	3,801
1998	586.6	241.1	29.9	586.6	69.1	345.5	2,752
1999	771.6	413.9	32.3	771.6	201.7	357.7	2,799
2000	581.5	276.6	29.7	581.5	99.3	305.0	1,920
2001	632.0	282.5	34.8	632.0	102.6	349.6	2,258
2002	769.2	265.2	16.5	769.2	93.5	504.1	3,469
2003 p	976.2	342.7	33.9	976.2	114.2	633.5	4,307
YTD Dec '02	768.2	265.2	16.5	768.2	93.5	503.0	3,463
YTD Dec '03	976.2	342.7	33.9	976.2	114.2	633.5	4,307

Total Permits Index 1997=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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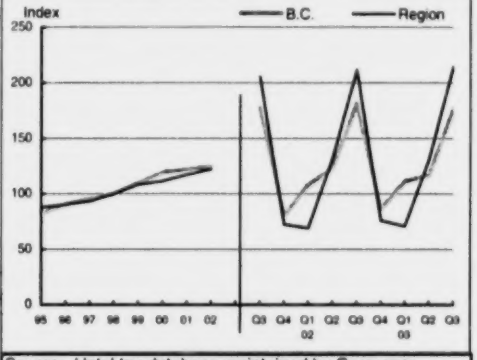
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Vanc. Isl./Coast Dev. Region	1999	238,389.2	34,522.1	62,216.9	106,259.8	35,390.3
	2000	245,309.3	31,380.6	64,427.0	110,142.3	39,359.4
	2001	258,234.6	36,157.7	69,196.2	112,913.6	39,967.1
	2002	268,454.3	38,000.6	72,536.8	116,166.7	41,750.1
	2003	228,518.5	39,093.7	71,691.1	117,733.7	
British Columbia	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,219,898.9	335,825.8	352,914.7	531,158.4	

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100



Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

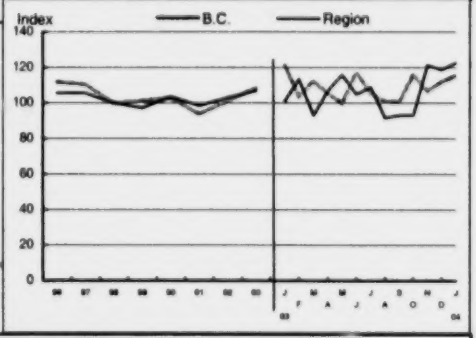
Vanc. Isl./Coast 2002 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	268,450.7	100.0%	Miscellaneous	23,926.2	8.9%
Fishing lodges	8,365.7	3.1%			
Hotels	172,162.5	64.1%			
76-149 Rooms	116,854.8	43.5%			
1-75 Rooms	55,307.7	20.6%			
Motels	35,005.4	13.0%			
Vacation Rentals	28,990.9	10.8%			

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1996	2,573
1997	2,571
1998	2,434
1999	2,372
2000	2,523
2001	2,401
2002	2,512
2003	2,605
Jan-Jan 03	230
Jan-Jan 04	236

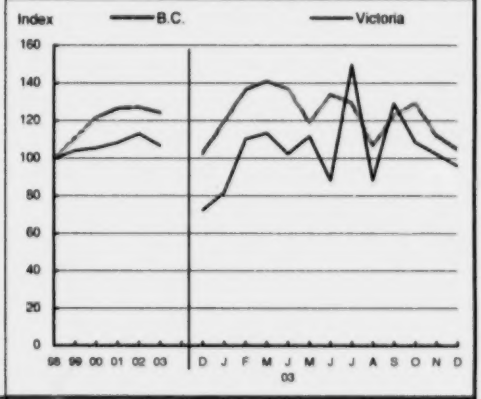
Incorporations Index 1998=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1998=100
Total = Consumer + Business



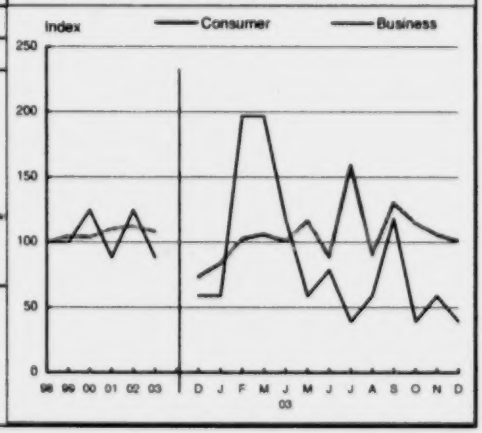
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Victoria Consumer	Victoria Business	Nanaimo Consumer	Nanaimo Business	B.C. Consumer	B.C. Business
1999	733	61	375	35	8,181	1,077
2000	728	76	363	48	9,184	980
2001	772	54	330	42	9,476	1,101
2002	786	76	352	20	9,531	1,107
2003	760	54	300	18	9,385	1,002
Jan-Dec 02	786	76	352	20	9,531	1,107
Jan-Dec 03	760	54	300	18	9,385	1,002

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Victoria Indices 1998=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

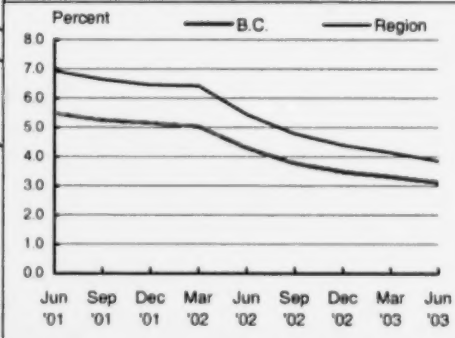
(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women Tot. Female 19-64	
Vanc. Isl./Coast Dev. Region	Mar '01	7.0	10.0	10.4	6.1	3.0	Mar '01
	Jun '01	6.9	10.1	10.2	5.9	3.0	Jun '01
	Sep '01	6.7	9.8	9.6	5.6	3.0	Sep '01
	Dec '01	6.5	9.4	9.3	5.5	2.9	Dec '01
	Mar '02	6.4	9.4	9.1	5.6	2.8	Mar '02
	Jun '02	5.4	8.1	7.2	4.7	2.5	Jun '02
	Sep '02	4.8	7.2	5.8	4.2	2.2	Sep '02
	Dec '02	4.4	6.5	5.1	3.9	2.0	Dec '02
	Mar '03	4.1	6.1	4.7	3.7	1.9	Mar '03
	Jun '03	3.9	5.7	4.2	3.4	1.8	Jun '03

Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of June '03)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	22,514	110,570
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	39.7	39.6
1-2 Years	14.7	14.7
>2 Years	45.6	45.7

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



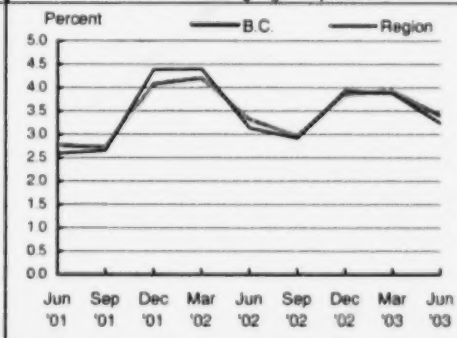
Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996.

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		Working Age (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64	
Vanc. Isl./Coast Dev. Region	Mar '01	3.4	3.4	3.8	1.7	Mar '01
	Jun '01	2.6	2.5	2.9	1.2	Jun '01
	Sep '01	2.7	2.4	3.1	1.2	Sep '01
	Dec '01	4.4	4.2	4.9	2.2	Dec '01
	Mar '02	4.4	4.2	5.0	2.2	Mar '02
	Jun '02	3.1	3.0	3.6	1.4	Jun '02
	Sep '02	2.9	2.8	3.4	1.3	Sep '02
	Dec '02	3.9	4.0	4.4	2.0	Dec '02
	Mar '03	3.9	4.0	4.3	2.1	Mar '03
	Jun '03	3.2	3.2	3.6	1.7	Jun '03

EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

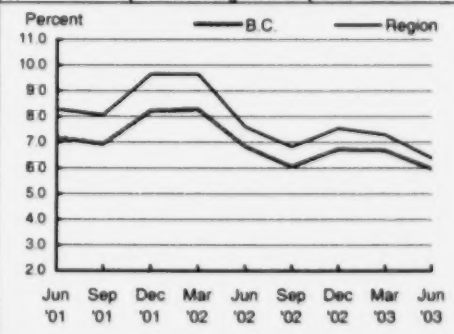
\- Data too small to release.

12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64
Vanc. Isl./Coast Dev. Region	Jun '01	8.3	12.4	8.7	3.7
	Sep '01	8.1	11.8	8.5	3.7
	Dec '01	9.7	13.1	10.3	4.7
	Mar '02	9.7	12.9	10.4	4.5
	Jun '02	7.6	10.0	8.3	3.6
	Sep '02	6.8	8.5	7.5	3.3
	Dec '02	7.6	9.0	8.2	4.0
	Mar '03	7.3	8.6	7.9	3.9
	Jun '03	6.4	7.4	7.0	3.4

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

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13 Demographics

There are several retirement communities located in this region particularly in the Victoria and Qualicum areas, and this is likely why the median age of the population is higher than the provincial median. Consequently, the elderly dependency ratio (i.e., the ratio of those aged 65 and over to those aged 18 to 64), is higher than the provincial ratio. Also, the gender ratio is biased in favour of females, even more so than for the province as a whole, and this may also be due to the older population since women tend to live longer than men.

14 Projection

The natural increase (i.e., the excess of births over deaths) in this region is continuing to decline, having become negative recently; however, net migration to the region is expected to tend to be highly positive over the duration of the projection period. This tendancy will likely more than compensate for population losses due to the increasing number of deaths in the region. As a result, the population of the development region is expected to reach over 900,000 by the year 2031.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							House-holds	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	31.7	106.2	62.2	122.0	99.3	55.1	476.6	165.1	0.487	0.194	0.681	1976
1981	34.9	99.7	68.2	153.4	106.5	68.1	530.8	200.0	0.410	0.208	0.618	1981
1986	36.9	95.7	58.8	172.4	111.5	81.7	557.0	224.7	0.387	0.238	0.625	1986
1991	39.9	105.2	55.9	201.1	127.6	99.2	628.9	250.4	0.377	0.258	0.635	1991
1996	40.6	118.6	60.1	218.3	158.8	110.0	706.4	288.4	0.364	0.252	0.616	1996
2001	33.1	114.7	62.4	200.2	189.8	119.4	719.6	308.7	0.327	0.264	0.591	2001
2006	29.9	104.2	65.9	188.5	216.8	128.4	733.7	326.1	0.285	0.273	0.557	2006
2011	31.8	96.3	66.2	190.4	239.3	143.4	767.4	353.9	0.258	0.289	0.548	2011
2016	34.0	95.0	65.5	199.3	244.4	170.2	808.4	382.0	0.253	0.334	0.588	2016
2021	34.7	99.5	60.0	210.6	242.9	199.1	846.8	404.3	0.261	0.388	0.649	2021
2026	34.5	103.9	59.7	214.3	240.7	227.1	880.2	422.4	0.269	0.441	0.710	2026
2031	33.6	105.9	63.7	210.1	244.6	250.1	907.9	439.8	0.269	0.482	0.751	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

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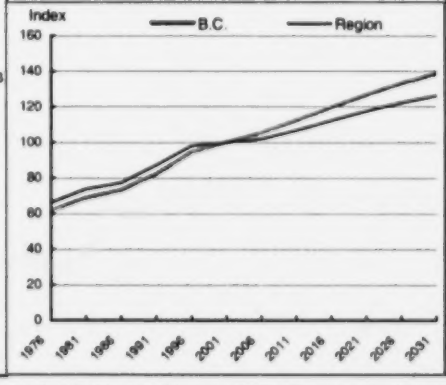
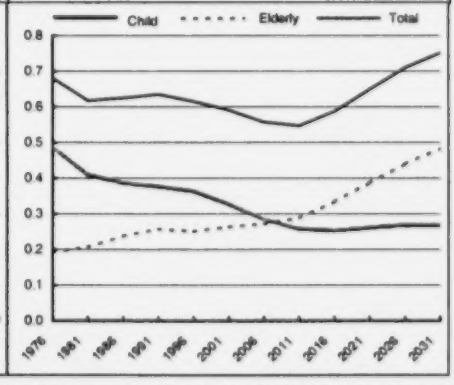


Dependency Ratios



Source: Population data are Projection P-28, run in Summer 2003. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

1 General Economy

Regional Districts in Development Region: Greater Vancouver, Fraser Valley, Sunshine Coast, Squamish-Lillooet

The delta of the Fraser River and the access to the ocean have made this region home to the largest number of people in the province. The Greater Vancouver region has an extensive manufacturing, trade and service base and many of the areas surrounding Vancouver contribute to its economic activities. In the regions furthest from Vancouver, forestry and agriculture are the main economic drivers. Tourism is also gaining in importance, particularly in the Whistler area.The municipalities of the Greater Vancouver Regional District (GVRD) have come to an agreement on a Livable Region Strategic Plan. This plan designates a "Growth Concentration Area" where infrastructure such as rapid transit will be put into place to accommodate increased growth. The plan will affect the growth patterns and the distribution of the population within the region.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P28 completed in the Summer of 2003. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2002

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Mainland/Southwest							British Columbia	
		Firms with	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
		No Em-ployees	Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	98,644	78,295	7,845	4,108	750	90,998	100.0%	100.0%	157,421
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	2,598	2,351	195	80	9	2,635	2.9%	5.7%	9,047
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	524	250	24	17	3	294	0.3%	0.5%	778
22	Utilities	58	37	3	7	4	51	0.1%	0.1%	154
23	Construction	14,682	7,988	656	276	32	8,952	9.8%	10.7%	16,879
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	3,142	4,084	761	569	106	5,520	6.1%	5.6%	8,797
41	Wholesale Trade	5,390	6,512	716	316	31	7,575	8.3%	6.5%	10,253
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	6,108	8,337	880	435	90	9,742	10.7%	11.3%	17,806
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	4,550	3,352	263	167	46	3,828	4.2%	4.6%	7,319
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	2,015	1,435	165	102	30	1,732	1.9%	1.6%	2,484
52	Finance & Insurance	6,645	2,961	370	168	38	3,537	3.9%	3.4%	5,304
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	14,175	3,959	293	166	17	4,435	4.9%	4.5%	7,019
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	16,781	10,852	669	299	37	11,857	13.0%	11.3%	17,711
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	5,994	1,802	204	119	12	2,137	2.3%	2.1%	3,267
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	4,842	4,129	382	183	36	4,730	5.2%	4.8%	7,564
61	Educational Services	827	1,001	131	60	35	1,227	1.3%	1.2%	1,820
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	918	6,756	505	243	83	7,587	8.3%	8.6%	13,571
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	2,055	1,233	132	87	21	1,473	1.6%	1.8%	2,808
72	Accom. & Food Services	2,526	4,442	1,135	679	48	6,304	6.9%	7.3%	11,558
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	4,812	6,697	335	112	30	7,174	7.9%	7.9%	12,476
91	Public Administration	2	117	26	23	42	208	0.2%	0.5%	804

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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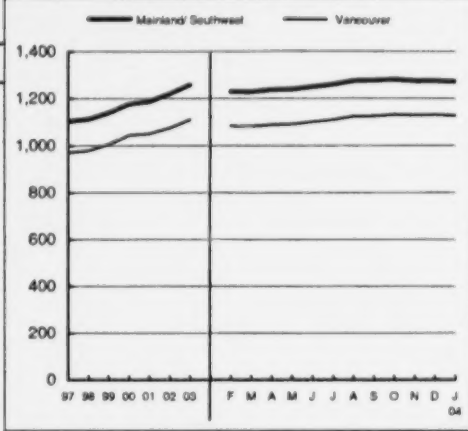
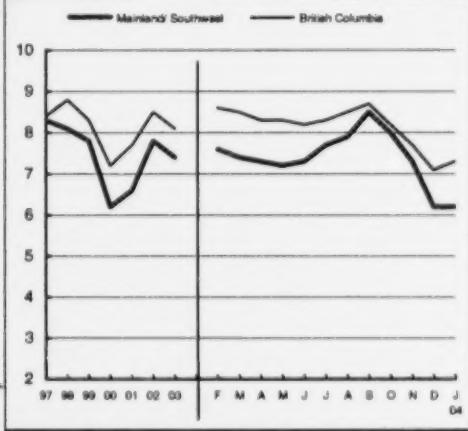
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Mainland/ Southwest		Vancouver		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp ('000)	Unemp. %
	1994	0.0	0.0	908.9	8.6	1,754.0	9.0
	1995	1,055.8	7.9	929.6	7.9	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	1,073.4	8.3	948.6	8.0	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	1,104.0	8.3	971.3	8.3	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	1,113.4	8.1	979.6	8.1	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	1,140.1	7.8	1,005.4	7.8	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	1,177.9	6.2	1,044.5	5.9	1,949.1	7.2
	2001	1,187.9	6.6	1,051.1	6.6	1,942.4	7.7
	2002	1,221.6	7.8	1,076.2	7.8	1,973.4	8.5
	2003	1,258.6	7.4	1,110.8	7.3	2,023.3	8.1
2003	Jan	1,236.1	7.6	1,090.1	7.6	1,969.8	8.5
	Feb	1,229.7	7.6	1,084.0	7.6	1,964.3	8.6
	Mar	1,228.7	7.4	1,083.4	7.4	1,971.3	8.5
	Apr	1,238.0	7.3	1,089.9	7.3	1,987.8	8.3
	May	1,240.6	7.2	1,092.1	7.2	2,002.6	8.3
	Jun	1,250.7	7.3	1,102.0	7.2	2,017.3	8.2
	Jul	1,259.8	7.7	1,110.2	7.7	2,038.0	8.3
	Aug	1,275.8	7.9	1,123.8	8.0	2,052.7	8.5
	Sep	1,278.3	8.5	1,125.8	8.6	2,050.9	8.7
	Oct	1,281.5	8.0	1,131.3	8.0	2,051.6	8.2
	Nov	1,275.4	7.3	1,129.3	7.2	2,045.5	7.7
	Dec	1,276.7	6.2	1,131.9	6.1	2,053.8	7.1
2004	Jan	1,272.6	6.2	1,128.5	6.1	2,042.9	7.3
	Feb						
	Mar						
	Apr						
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Jan03	1,168.4	6.5	1,032.3	6.4	1,900.6	7.9
	Jan-Jan04	1,169.8	8.4	1,035.1	8.2	1,899.6	9.6
	% Change	0.1		0.3		-0.1	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



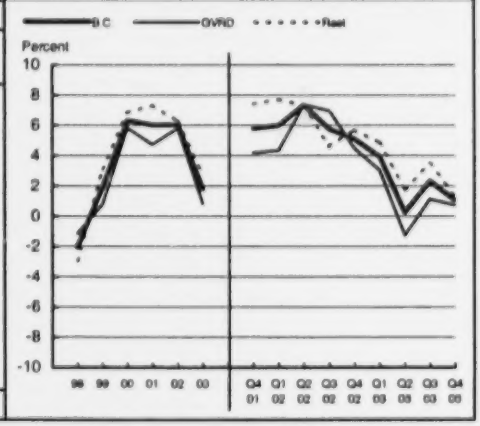
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales: B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	Percent change on year ago: B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
Annual	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
data	2002	40,272.6	19,996.5	20,276.1	6.0	5.8	6.3
	2003	40,998.1	20,161.5	20,836.6	1.8	0.8	2.8
	02 4	10,746.4	5,282.7	5,463.7	5.1	4.5	5.7
Quarterly	03 1	9,183.5	4,597.1	4,586.4	3.9	3.0	4.8
data	03 2	10,405.9	5,160.5	5,245.4	0.2	-1.3	1.8
	03 3	10,549.5	5,081.9	5,467.6	2.3	1.1	3.5
	03 4	10,859.2	5,322.0	5,537.2	1.0	0.7	1.3

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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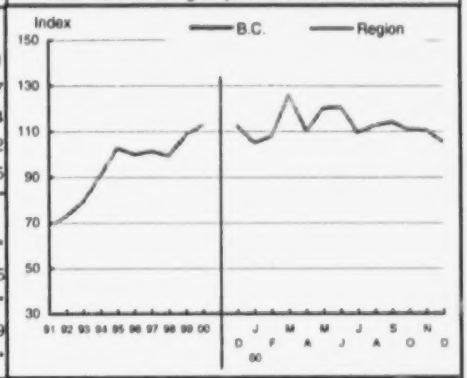
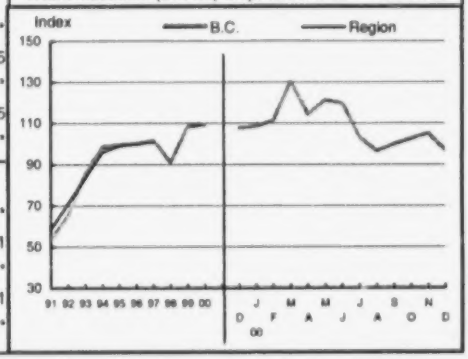
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	222	212	217	242	241
25	Wood	278	271	269	312	297
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	81	80	80	84	84
30	Metal Fabricating	349	345	373	439	432
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	2,451	2,361	2,607	2,916	2,815
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	2,983.9	3,078.4	3,109.8	3,136.5
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	1,366.2	1,458.9
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	**
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	14,283	14,150	13,201	13,395
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	8,178	8,925
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	**
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	569.6	594.3	568.3	570.1
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	327.1	359.1
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	**

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

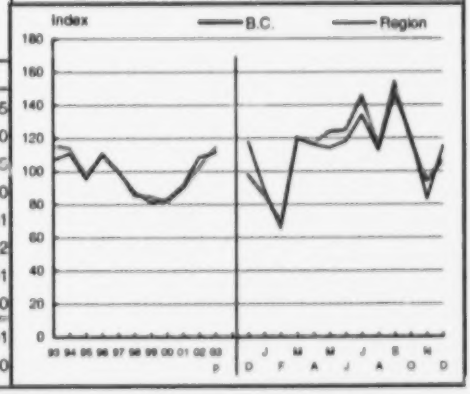


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Commercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential: Units
	<-- $ Millions -->						
1996	4,113.6	1,303.5	175.0	0.0	304.6	2,810.1	20,275
1997	3,709.2	1,311.7	183.7	0.0	173.6	2,397.6	16,440
1998	3,238.3	1,416.8	189.6	0.0	281.4	1,821.4	13,125
1999	3,012.7	1,292.2	228.9	0.0	316.3	1,720.5	11,310
2000	3,079.8	1,417.0	194.9	0.0	269.2	1,662.8	10,451
2001	3,396.6	1,383.7	150.5	0.0	433.9	2,012.8	11,802
2002	4,028.3	1,208.1	162.7	0.0	257.7	2,820.3	17,391
2003 p	4,126.4	1,063.4	126.3	0.0	233.8	3,062.9	17,390
YTD Dec '02	4,016.9	1,199.6	162.2	0.0	205.0	2,817.3	17,391
YTD Dec '03	4,126.4	1,063.4	126.3	0.0	233.8	3,062.9	17,390

Total Permits Index 1997=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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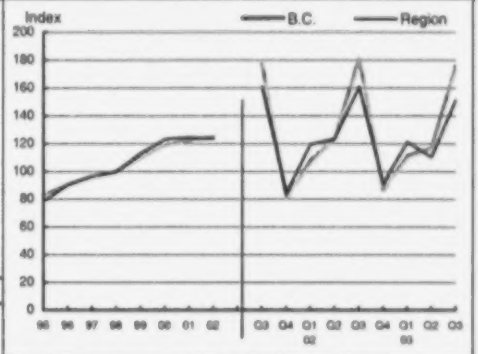
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Mainland/SW Dev. Region	1999	778,152.8	176,701.5	191,542.8	268,675.0	141,233.5
	2000	846,849.2	195,357.1	212,792.8	278,896.6	159,802.8
	2001	854,936.3	220,531.3	213,644.1	276,100.4	144,660.5
	2002	850,333.0	205,181.5	212,157.4	276,321.6	156,672.6
	2003	657,303.4	208,009.8	189,501.5	259,792.1	
British Columbia	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,219,898.9	335,825.8	352,914.7	531,158.4	

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100



Mainland/SW 2002 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

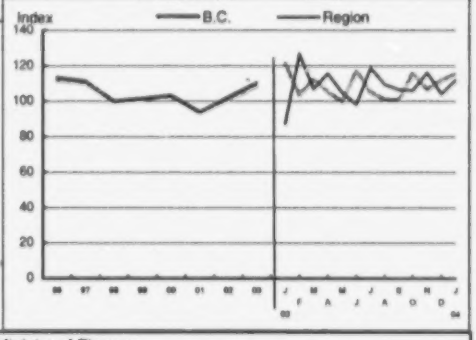
Total	850,333.0	100.0%
Hotels	762,618.3	89.7%
150+ Rooms	549,179.6	64.6%
76-149 Rooms	157,987.7	18.6%
1-75 Rooms	55,451.0	6.5%
Motels	29,919.4	3.4%
Vacation Rentals	39,529.5	4.6%

Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance. Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1996	17,397
1997	17,099
1998	15,320
1999	15,578
2000	15,862
2001	14,416
2002	15,698
2003	16,930
Jan-Jan 03	1,618
Jan-Jan 04	1,483

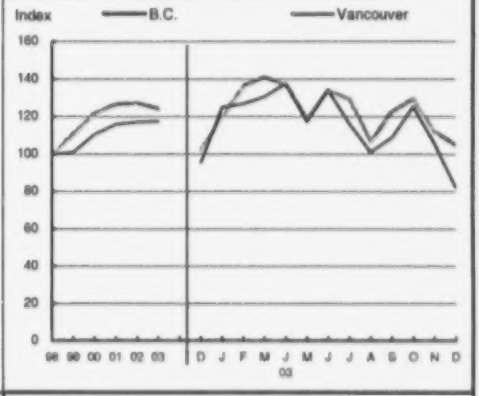
Incorporations Index 1998=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1998=100
Total = Consumer + Business



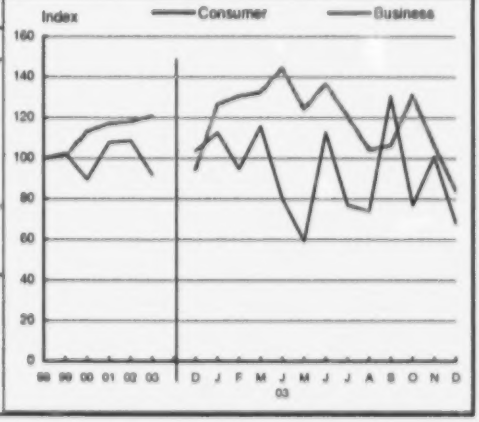
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Vancouver Consumer	Vancouver Business	Matsqui Consumer	Matsqui Business	Chilliwack Consumer	Chilliwack Business
1999	3,428	415	397	68	193	24
2000	3,642	383	487	45	213	22
2001	3,977	436	417	63	210	28
2002	4,011	440	405	42	163	37
2003	4,099	372	321	44	184	21
Jan-Dec 02	4,011	440	405	42	163	37
Jan-Dec 03	4,099	372	321	44	184	21

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Vancouver Indices 1998=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

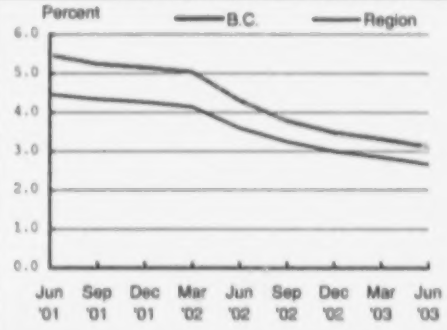
(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women Tot. Female 19-64
Mainland/SW Dev. Region	Mar '01	4.6	6.9	4.1	3.9	2.0
	Jun '01	4.5	6.7	4.0	3.8	2.0
	Sep '01	4.3	6.6	3.8	3.7	1.9
	Dec '01	4.3	6.3	3.8	3.7	1.9
	Mar '02	4.1	6.2	3.7	3.6	1.8
	Jun '02	3.6	5.4	3.0	3.1	1.6
	Sep '02	3.2	4.8	2.6	2.8	1.4
	Dec '02	3.0	4.4	2.3	2.6	1.3
	Mar '03	2.9	4.1	2.2	2.5	1.2
	Jun '03	2.7	3.9	2.1	2.4	1.2

Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of June '03)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	57,127	110,570
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	35.6	39.6
1-2 Years	15.1	14.7
>2 Years	49.3	45.7

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



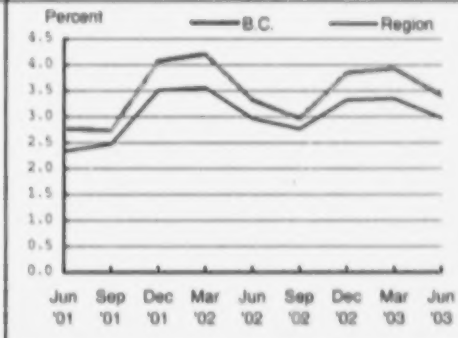
Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group / Reference Group		Working Age (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64	
Mainland/SW Dev. Region	Mar '01	2.6	2.0	2.8	2.0	Mar '01
	Jun '01	2.3	1.9	2.6	1.5	Jun '01
	Sep '01	2.5	2.0	2.8	1.3	Sep '01
	Dec '01	3.5	2.8	3.8	2.5	Dec '01
	Mar '02	3.6	2.9	3.9	2.3	Mar '02
	Jun '02	3.0	2.3	3.3	1.7	Jun '02
	Sep '02	2.8	2.0	3.2	1.4	Sep '02
	Dec '02	3.3	2.4	3.7	2.4	Dec '02
	Mar '03	3.3	2.5	3.7	2.4	Mar '03
	Jun '03	3.0	2.2	3.3	1.8	Jun '03

EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

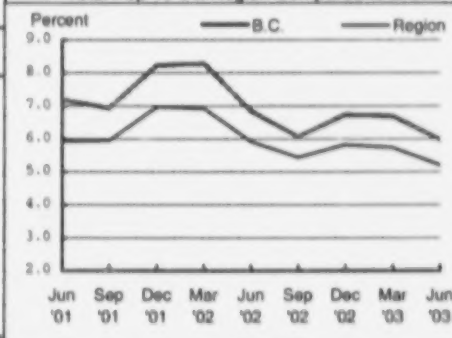
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64
Mainland/SW Dev. Region	Jun '01	5.9	5.8	6.3	4.2
	Sep '01	6.0	5.7	6.4	4.0
	Dec '01	7.0	6.4	7.4	5.2
	Mar '02	6.9	6.4	7.4	4.9
	Jun '02	5.9	5.2	6.4	4.1
	Sep '02	5.4	4.6	5.9	3.7
	Dec '02	5.8	4.7	6.3	4.6
	Mar '03	5.7	4.7	6.2	4.6
	Jun '03	5.2	4.2	5.7	3.8

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

This region comprises well over half the provincial population, despite being the smallest in terms of land area. As a result, the demographic characteristics of the region's population are similar to those of British Columbia as a whole. This region receives close to 90 per cent of immigrants moving to British Columbia, and over half of all interprovincial in-migrants. As a result, when the province experiences high levels of in-migration, this region also experiences population growth.

14 Projection

It is expected that migration to British Columbia, both from international and interprovincial sources, will remain positive throughout most of the projection period, although for interprovincial migration, the levels will be much less than those experienced in the last few years, and in the short-term there will be net outflows of interprovincial migrants. Slow downs in the province's resource sector will likely result in increased migration from the periphery to the core in the short-term. As a result of the substantial inflows of migrants, this region will likely continue to experience strong population growth.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

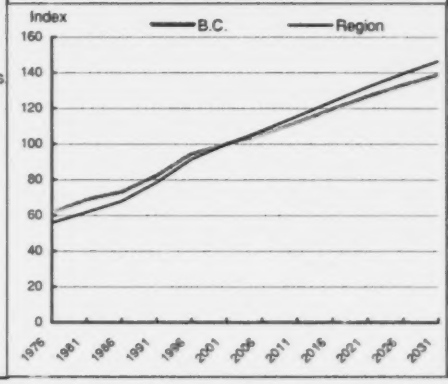
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							House-holds	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	85.5	283.1	178.0	381.2	276.8	139.4	1,343.9	464.4	0.441	0.167	0.608	1976
1981	93.5	264.2	199.7	463.1	295.9	167.3	1,483.7	550.4	0.373	0.175	0.548	1981
1986	108.4	263.2	193.7	553.3	321.3	195.9	1,635.9	639.0	0.348	0.183	0.531	1986
1991	125.4	301.2	191.4	669.1	367.5	230.2	1,884.9	711.2	0.347	0.187	0.535	1991
1996	137.8	354.3	212.8	769.8	466.4	258.6	2,199.7	827.7	0.340	0.178	0.518	1996
2001	128.2	382.6	237.4	797.8	568.3	287.5	2,401.7	926.9	0.318	0.179	0.498	2001
2006	126.1	379.8	240.5	817.8	694.1	322.7	2,581.0	1,044.0	0.289	0.184	0.473	2006
2011	131.2	370.4	248.4	844.7	811.7	370.5	2,777.0	1,154.8	0.263	0.195	0.458	2011
2016	139.0	366.3	251.7	884.9	877.0	457.4	2,976.3	1,271.9	0.251	0.227	0.478	2016
2021	144.5	380.8	236.8	934.5	912.9	558.4	3,167.9	1,370.3	0.252	0.268	0.520	2021
2026	146.9	399.1	237.9	947.7	948.3	670.7	3,350.6	1,459.8	0.256	0.314	0.570	2026
2031	146.5	412.9	247.2	949.0	981.0	779.7	3,516.3	1,545.2	0.257	0.358	0.615	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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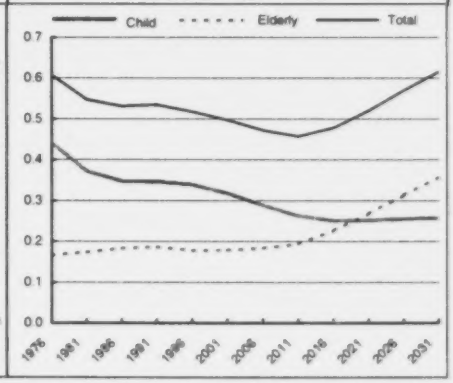

Source: Population data are Projection P-28, run in Summer 2003. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

Thompson/Okanagan
Development Region

1 **General Economy**

Regional Districts in Development Region: Okanagan-Similkameen, Thompson-Nicola, Central Okanagan, North Okanagan, Columbia-Shuswap

The main economic drivers in this region are forestry, tourism and agriculture. This region contains the most productive agricultural areas within the province. The climate of the area, which is so conducive to agriculture, also draws a large number of tourists and retirees to the region. Mining is also an important industry, particularly in the Kamloops area, where the largest mine in the province, the Highland Valley Mines, is located. Several major mines have closed in this region in the last few years due either to ore depletion or poor metal prices. Although the impact of these closures on a regional basis will probably be small, the local impacts could be significant. The Highland Valley Mines is projected to close sometime around 2009 and will have an impact in terms of job loss and population movement.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P28 completed in the Summer of 2003. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 **Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2002**

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Thompson/Okanagan							British Columbia	
		Firms with	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
		No Employees	Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	17,296	17,994	1,478	603	88	20,163	100.0%	100.0%	157,421
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	1,509	1,872	69	22	2	1,965	9.7%	5.7%	9,047
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	92	67	1	2	2	72	0.4%	0.5%	778
22	Utilities	35	30	4	2	0	36	0.2%	0.1%	154
23	Construction	3,143	2,328	141	50	1	2,520	12.5%	10.7%	16,879
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	689	794	121	83	16	1,014	5.0%	5.6%	8,797
41	Wholesale Trade	754	841	72	21	2	936	4.6%	6.5%	10,253
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	1,248	2,163	210	99	16	2,488	12.3%	11.3%	17,808
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	862	814	47	18	4	883	4.4%	4.6%	7,319
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	123	140	16	9	0	165	0.8%	1.6%	2,484
52	Finance & Insurance	893	534	52	16	3	605	3.0%	3.4%	5,304
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	2,272	830	54	20	3	907	4.5%	4.5%	7,019
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv.	1,753	1,474	59	12	1	1,546	7.7%	11.3%	17,711
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	960	387	40	13	1	441	2.2%	2.1%	3,267
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	705	846	46	16	1	909	4.5%	4.8%	7,564
61	Educational Services	129	166	11	7	13	197	1.0%	1.2%	1,820
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	160	1,487	108	62	12	1,669	8.3%	8.6%	13,571
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	232	355	56	18	4	433	2.1%	1.8%	2,808
72	Accom. & Food Services	646	1,171	309	112	3	1,595	7.9%	7.3%	11,558
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	1,089	1,573	44	10	0	1,627	8.1%	7.9%	12,476
91	Public Administration	2	122	18	11	4	155	0.8%	0.5%	804

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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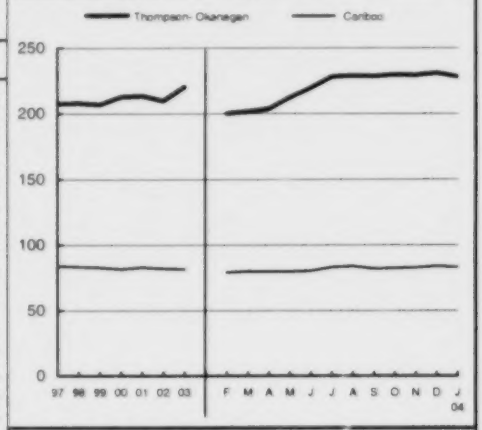
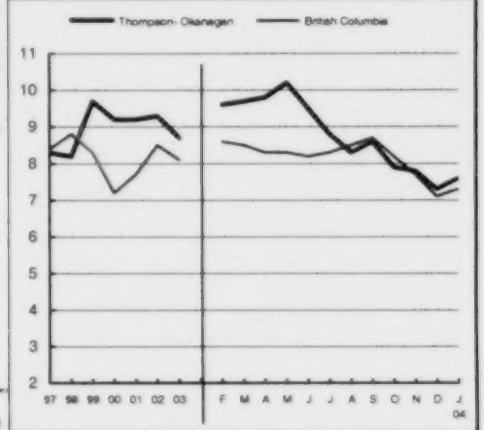
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Thompson-Okanagan		Cariboo		British Columbia	
		Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
	1994	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,754.0	9.0
	1995	194.7	10.2	80.4	9.7	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	201.1	10.4	86.8	8.6	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	207.7	8.3	84.0	9.8	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	208.2	8.2	83.3	14.5	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	207.1	9.7	82.9	11.6	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	212.7	9.2	81.5	9.9	1,949.1	7.2
	2001	213.7	9.2	83.0	9.7	1,942.4	7.7
	2002	210.0	9.3	81.9	12.6	1,973.4	8.5
	2003	220.3	8.7	81.6	11.2	2,023.3	8.1
2003	Jan	204.3	9.4	78.4	13.1	1,969.8	8.5
	Feb	200.2	9.6	79.2	13.0	1,964.3	8.6
	Mar	201.7	9.7	79.9	12.8	1,971.3	8.5
	Apr	203.7	9.8	79.8	12.5	1,987.8	8.3
	May	212.4	10.2	79.7	12.6	2,002.6	8.3
	Jun	219.8	9.5	80.4	13.0	2,017.3	8.2
	Jul	228.1	8.8	83.1	12.1	2,038.0	8.3
	Aug	229.0	8.3	83.9	10.8	2,052.7	8.5
	Sep	228.7	8.6	82.1	10.4	2,050.9	8.7
	Oct	229.7	7.9	82.4	9.8	2,051.6	8.2
	Nov	229.6	7.8	82.9	9.5	2,045.5	7.7
	Dec	231.0	7.3	84.0	8.8	2,053.8	7.1
2004	Jan	228.1	7.6	83.3	9.8	2,042.9	7.3
	Feb						
	Mar						
	Apr						
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Jan03	207.4	10.6	82.4	10.3	1,900.6	7.9
	Jan-Jan04	196.4	10.8	82.5	14.0	1,899.6	9.6
	% Change	-5.3		0.1		-0.1	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



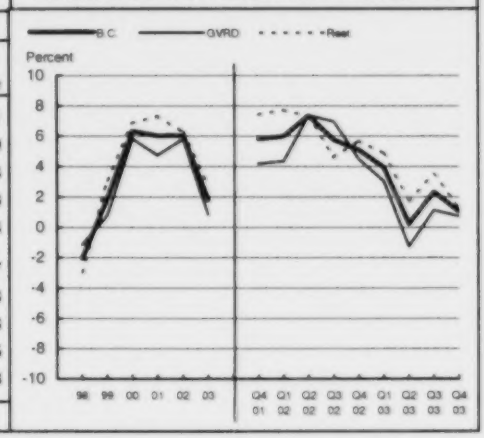
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales: B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	Percent change on year ago: B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
Annual	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
data	2002	40,272.6	19,996.5	20,276.1	6.0	5.8	6.3
	2003	40,998.1	20,161.5	20,836.6	1.8	0.8	2.8
	02 4	10,746.4	5,282.7	5,463.7	5.1	4.5	5.7
Quarterly	03 1	9,183.5	4,597.1	4,586.4	3.9	3.0	4.8
data	03 2	10,405.9	5,160.5	5,245.4	0.2	-1.3	1.8
	03 3	10,549.5	5,081.9	5,467.6	2.3	1.1	3.5
	03 4	10,859.2	5,322.0	5,537.2	1.0	0.7	1.3

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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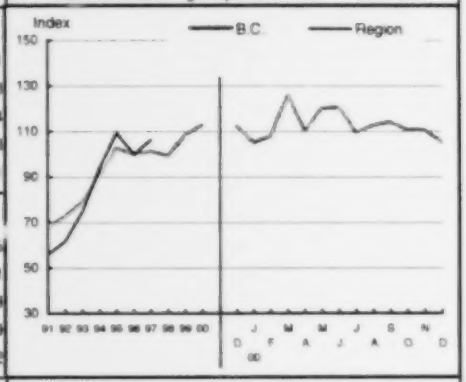
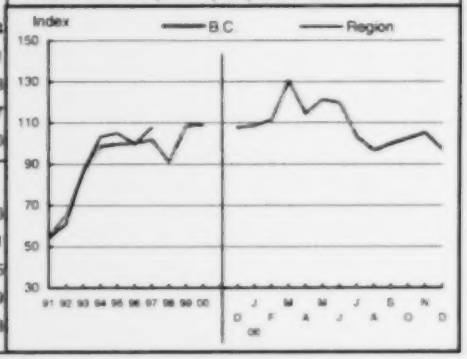
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	23	21	23	24	21
25	Wood	99	97	92	114	113
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	45	42	42	53	54
30	Metal Fabricating	54	56	62	74	73
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	375	378	414	464	451
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	117.2	113.8	119.5	219.0	129.5
25	Wood	1,288.7	1,531.0	1,556.4	1,481.7	1,597.1
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	380.7	615.9	631.4	627.2	660.8
30	Metal Fabricating	80.6	98.7	121.6	135.5	137.9
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	2,557.3	3,223.7	3,737.3	3,418.4	3,635.2
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	585	617	542	636	374
25	Wood	6,111	6,800	6,287	5,885	6,231
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	1,705	2,498	2,400	2,188	2,273
30	Metal Fabricating	903	931	1,085	1,115	1,207
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	14,223	15,801	16,256	15,640	16,320
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	17.0	17.5	19.7	23.7	12.3
25	Wood	248.6	292.2	289.3	277.2	303.1
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	74.0	108.0	109.8	102.1	118.5
30	Metal Fabricating	27.7	29.3	37.5	40.0	42.9
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	538.1	620.7	669.0	645.2	683.8

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

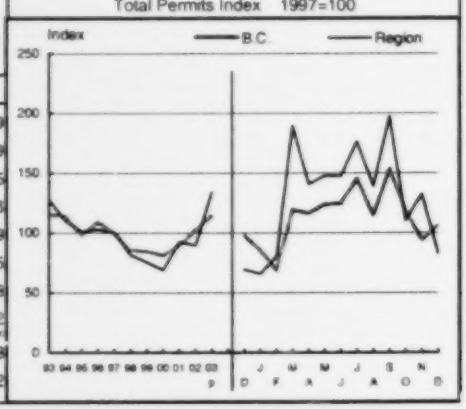


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Commercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1996	593.4	214.0	19.3	51.9	80.6	379.4	3,849
1997	575.2	184.4	47.3	53.4	35.9	390.8	3,649
1998	470.5	202.9	26.5	48.7	46.4	267.7	2,475
1999	435.5	181.9	17.0	28.0	65.4	253.6	2,296
2000	397.0	181.0	30.2	25.4	54.6	216.0	1,729
2001	531.3	247.1	17.4	42.3	70.2	284.2	2,235
2002	516.0	153.2	23.4	35.0	35.6	362.8	2,706
2003 p	771.9	235.8	49.2	42.2	69.1	536.1	3,712
YTD Dec '02	518.1	156.1	26.8	34.7	24.8	362.0	2,698
YTD Dec '03	771.9	235.8	49.2	42.2	69.1	536.1	3,712

Total Permits Index 1997=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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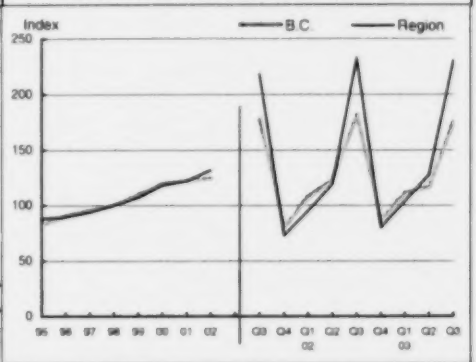
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Thompson/Ok. Dev. Region	1999	166,895.0	29,008.3	38,557.5	75,051.6	24,277.6
	2000	183,892.9	30,551.3	42,102.3	83,807.3	27,431.9
	2001	190,350.0	32,160.8	44,679.7	85,087.9	28,421.5
	2002	205,411.4	37,082.9	46,451.3	90,689.3	31,187.8
	2003	179,838.3	40,408.0	49,634.2	89,796.0	
British Columbia	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,219,898.9	335,825.8	352,914.7	531,158.4	

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100



Thompson/Ok. 2002 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

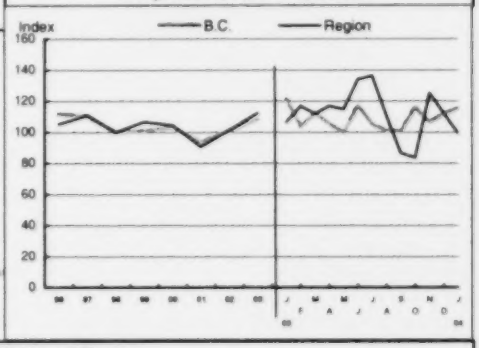
Total	205,413.2	100.0%	Miscellaneous	11,035.4	5.4%
Fishing lodges	2,000.1	1.0%			
Hotels	109,669.5	53.4%			
76+ Rooms	81,456.4	39.7%			
1-75 Rooms	28,213.1	13.7%			
Motels	62,605.9	30.5%			
Vacation Rentals	20,102.2	9.8%			

Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1996	1,706
1997	1,797
1998	1,622
1999	1,729
2000	1,695
2001	1,470
2002	1,644
2003	1,820
Jan-Jan 03	158
Jan-Jan 04	159

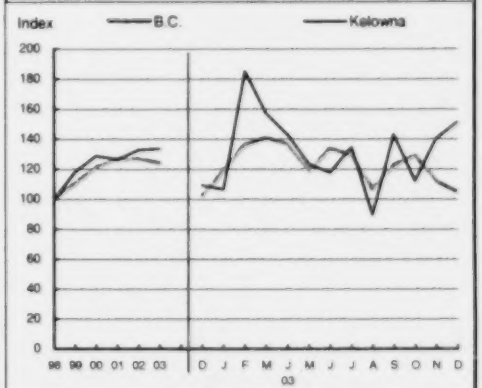
Incorporations Index 1998=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1998=100
Total = Consumer + Business



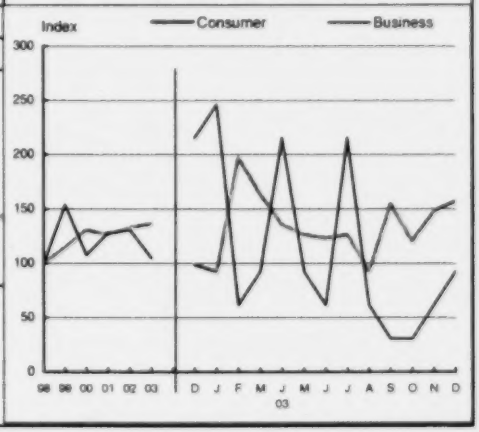
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Kelowna Consumer	Kelowna Business	Kamloops Consumer	Kamloops Business	Penticton Consumer	Penticton Business
1999	446	60	213	41	176	13
2000	509	42	258	51	202	17
2001	492	50	280	52	172	16
2002	518	51	286	52	190	27
2003	531	41	244	42	186	21
Jan-Dec 02	518	51	286	52	190	27
Jan-Dec 03	531	41	244	42	186	21

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Kelowna Indices 1998=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) Total Pop 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families Total Pop <19	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop 25-54	Single Parent Women Tot. Female 19-64
Thompson/Ok. Dev. Region	Mar '01	6.9	10.0	9.6	5.9	3.2
	Jun '01	6.8	10.0	9.1	5.7	3.3
	Sep '01	6.3	9.5	8.1	5.3	3.2
	Dec '01	6.1	9.1	7.8	5.2	3.0
	Mar '02	6.0	8.8	7.7	5.3	2.9
	Jun '02	5.0	7.4	5.8	4.3	2.5
	Sep '02	4.1	6.0	4.4	3.5	2.1
	Dec '02	3.8	5.4	3.8	3.4	1.8
	Mar '03	3.7	5.3	3.9	3.3	1.8
	Jun '03	3.5	5.1	3.7	3.0	1.7

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

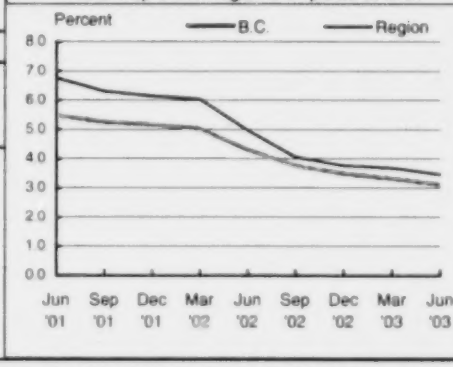
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		Working Age (19-64) Total Pop 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) Total Pop 55-64
Thompson/Ok. Dev. Region	Mar '01	5.3	6.3	5.8	2.9
	Jun '01	3.8	4.3	4.1	2.0
	Sep '01	3.4	3.6	3.8	1.6
	Dec '01	5.1	5.9	5.7	2.6
	Mar '02	5.6	6.6	6.3	3.0
	Jun '02	3.9	4.2	4.3	2.0
	Sep '02	3.2	3.3	3.7	1.6
	Dec '02	5.0	5.2	5.5	2.7
	Mar '03	5.4	5.9	6.0	3.0
	Jun '03	4.2	4.3	4.6	2.4

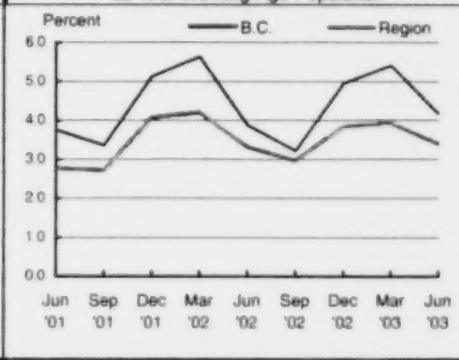
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of June '03)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	13,681	110,570
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	48.7	39.6
1-2 Years	13.4	14.7
>2 Years	37.9	45.7

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

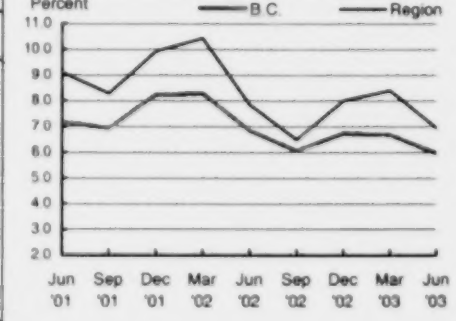
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) Total Pop 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) Total Pop 55-64
Thompson/Ok. Dev. Region	Jun '01	9.1	13.1	9.7	4.5
	Sep '01	8.3	11.4	8.9	4.0
	Dec '01	9.9	13.3	10.7	5.0
	Mar '02	10.4	13.6	11.3	5.3
	Jun '02	7.8	9.8	8.5	4.2
	Sep '02	6.5	7.7	7.1	3.5
	Dec '02	8.0	8.9	8.8	4.6
	Mar '03	8.4	9.6	9.2	4.8
	Jun '03	7.0	8.0	7.6	4.0

*Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details.

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Thompson/Okanagan
Development Region

13 Demographics

This region experienced net outflows of migrants during the mid-eighties, probably due to the downturn in the forest sector at that time. In-migration has been high until the last few years, contributing to strong population growth for the region. The median age of the population in this region is higher than the provincial median, probably due to the substantial number of retirees located in the region. The proportion of elderly (aged 65 and over) to working age population (aged 18 to 64) is also higher than the provincial ratio.

14 Projection

The net migration inflows to this region will likely remain relatively low for the short-term, but should grow throughout the projection period. The natural increase (i.e., the excess of births over deaths) is falling and recently became negative, and this trend will likely continue However, the strong inflows of migrants will likely more than compensate for the losses due to increased deaths and this region is expected to experience strong population growth.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

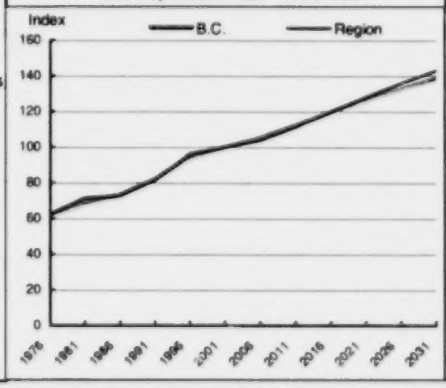
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							House-holds	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	22.0	75.9	37.7	79.5	59.9	29.4	304.4	98.8	0.553	0.166	0.719	1976
1981	24.2	73.1	43.1	98.4	68.9	39.6	347.3	123.3	0.463	0.188	0.651	1981
1986	23.7	66.7	36.1	103.9	74.4	49.2	353.9	135.9	0.422	0.229	0.651	1986
1991	25.2	71.2	33.4	118.6	85.8	61.9	396.1	152.3	0.405	0.261	0.666	1991
1996	27.4	83.4	39.4	137.0	106.7	74.6	468.6	184.1	0.391	0.263	0.655	1996
2001	22.9	82.3	40.2	130.2	125.7	84.2	485.7	201.7	0.355	0.284	0.640	2001
2006	21.3	75.2	46.5	124.5	143.4	93.8	504.7	219.2	0.307	0.298	0.605	2006
2011	23.9	71.0	46.6	134.2	160.0	104.8	540.4	243.4	0.278	0.308	0.586	2011
2016	26.0	72.7	45.4	150.0	167.5	121.0	582.7	267.9	0.272	0.333	0.605	2016
2021	26.9	79.0	42.0	164.2	171.8	138.8	622.7	287.3	0.280	0.367	0.647	2021
2026	27.1	83.9	43.8	169.6	176.7	158.7	659.9	305.0	0.284	0.407	0.691	2026
2031	27.1	86.2	47.9	168.2	189.3	175.4	694.0	324.2	0.279	0.433	0.712	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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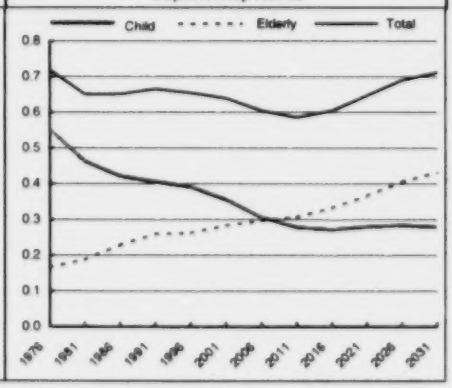


Source: Population data are Projection P-28, run in Summer 2003. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

Kootenay
Development Region

1 **General Economy**

Regional Districts in Development Region: East Kootenay, Central Kootenay, Kootenay-Boundary

Mining and forestry are the main economic activities in this region. The East Kootenay region is one of the main centres of British Columbia's coal industry with five major coal mines located there. The Cominco Smelter at Trail is a major employer in that area and construction related to hydroelectric projects is another important source of employment. The closure of the Sullivan Mine in Kimberley and slow down in the forestry sector will likely mean that the recent out-migration will continue for the near future. Depletion of reserves could reduce the amount of growth over the long-term, although the area has good potential for new discoveries. It is also increasingly popular for its recreational opportunities.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P28 completed in the Summer of 2003. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 **Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2002**

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Kootenay							British Columbia	
		Firms with	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
		No Em-ployees	Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	4,570	5,615	355	164	43	6,177	100.0%	100.0%	157,421
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	441	510	27	10	0	547	8.9%	5.7%	9,047
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	34	33	3	1	5	42	0.7%	0.5%	778
22	Utilities	9	14	2	0	1	17	0.3%	0.1%	154
23	Construction	817	664	37	7	3	711	11.5%	10.7%	16,879
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	200	232	17	16	9	274	4.4%	5.6%	8,797
41	Wholesale Trade	151	202	18	2	1	223	3.6%	6.5%	10,253
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	453	781	49	28	1	859	13.9%	11.3%	17,808
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	203	305	11	2	1	319	5.2%	4.6%	7,319
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	37	69	7	3	0	79	1.3%	1.6%	2,484
52	Finance & Insurance	170	105	15	3	1	124	2.0%	3.4%	5,304
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	549	216	9	5	1	231	3.7%	4.5%	7,019
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	461	434	10	4	0	448	7.3%	11.3%	17,711
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	178	60	3	2	0	65	1.1%	2.1%	3,267
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	160	260	7	1	0	268	4.3%	4.8%	7,564
61	Educational Services	34	45	2	5	9	61	1.0%	1.2%	1,820
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	28	435	29	37	7	508	8.2%	8.6%	13,571
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	83	169	13	10	1	193	3.1%	1.8%	2,808
72	Accom. & Food Services	239	508	81	18	2	609	9.9%	7.3%	11,558
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	322	501	9	1	0	511	8.3%	7.9%	12,476
91	Public Administration	1	72	6	9	1	88	1.4%	0.5%	804

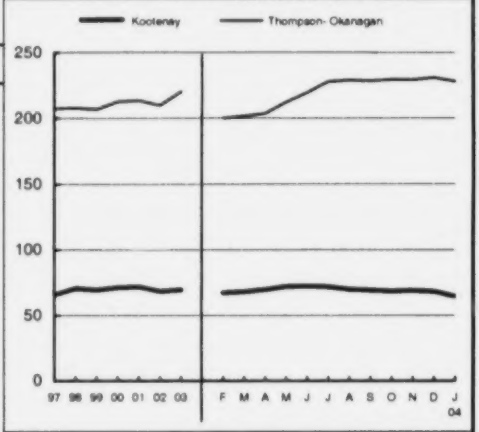
Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

Kootenay
Development Region

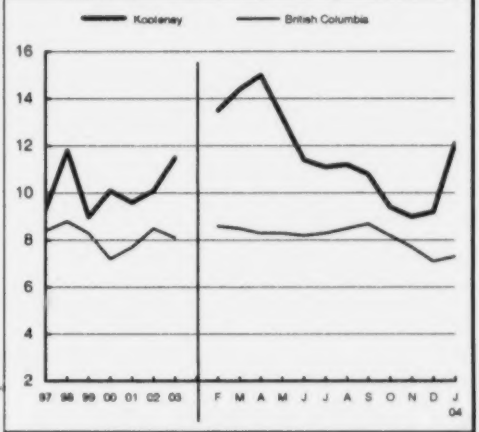
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Kootenay		Thompson-Okanagan		British Columbia	
		Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
	1994	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,754.0	9.0
	1995	69.7	8.0	194.7	10.2	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	65.7	8.7	201.1	10.4	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	65.7	9.3	207.7	8.3	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	70.6	11.8	208.2	8.2	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	69.5	9.0	207.1	9.7	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	71.2	10.1	212.7	9.2	1,949.1	7.2
	2001	71.9	9.6	213.7	9.2	1,942.4	7.7
	2002	68.3	10.1	210.0	9.3	1,973.4	8.5
	2003	69.5	11.5	220.3	8.7	2,023.3	8.1
2003	Jan	67.2	11.9	204.3	9.4	1,969.8	8.5
	Feb	67.2	13.5	200.2	9.6	1,964.3	8.6
	Mar	68.2	14.4	201.7	9.7	1,971.3	8.5
	Apr	69.8	15.0	203.7	9.8	1,987.8	8.3
	May	72.3	13.2	212.4	10.2	2,002.6	8.3
	Jun	72.4	11.4	219.8	9.5	2,017.3	8.2
	Jul	71.9	11.1	228.1	8.8	2,038.0	8.3
	Aug	69.9	11.2	229.0	8.3	2,052.7	8.5
	Sep	69.2	10.8	228.7	8.6	2,050.9	8.7
	Oct	68.6	9.4	229.7	7.9	2,051.6	8.2
	Nov	69.0	9.0	229.6	7.8	2,045.5	7.7
	Dec	68.4	9.2	231.0	7.3	2,053.8	7.1
2004	Jan	64.7	12.1	228.1	7.6	2,042.9	7.3
	Feb						
	Mar						
	Apr						
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Jan03	70.1	13.3	207.4	10.6	1,900.6	7.9
	Jan-Jan04	70.0	9.8	196.4	10.8	1,899.6	9.6
	% Change	-0.1		-5.3		-0.1	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



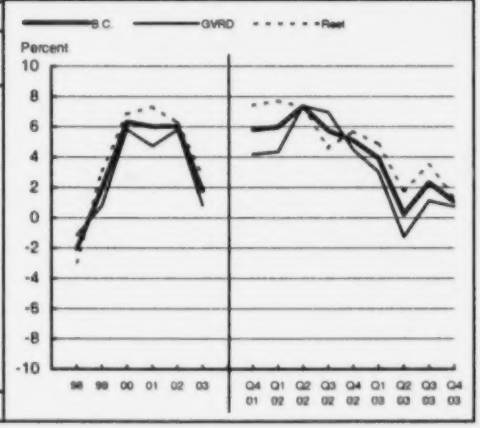
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales: B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	Percent change on year ago: B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
Annual	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
data	2002	40,272.6	19,996.5	20,276.1	6.0	5.8	6.3
	2003	40,998.1	20,161.5	20,836.6	1.8	0.8	2.8
	02 4	10,746.4	5,282.7	5,463.7	5.1	4.5	5.7
Quarterly	03 1	9,183.5	4,597.1	4,586.4	3.9	3.0	4.8
data	03 2	10,405.9	5,160.5	5,245.4	0.2	-1.3	1.8
	03 3	10,549.5	5,081.9	5,467.6	2.3	1.1	3.5
	03 4	10,859.2	5,322.0	5,537.2	1.0	0.7	1.3

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year

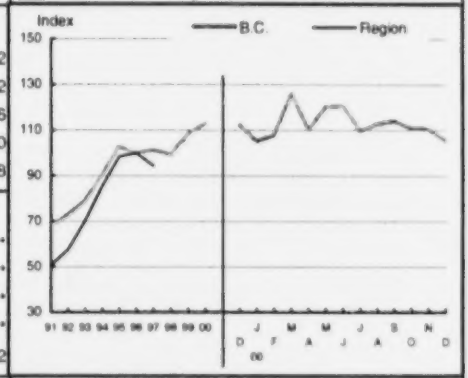


Kootenay
Development Region

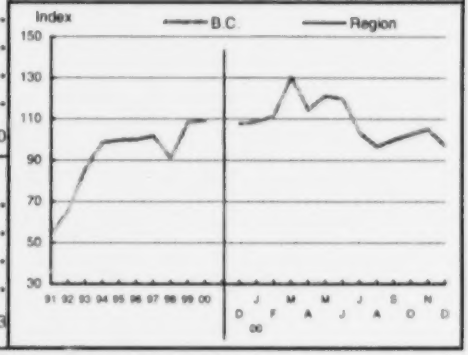
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	3	3	2	3	2
25	Wood	40	39	38	42	42
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	28	26	26	26	26
30	Metal Fabricating	7	7	9	10	10
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	91	90	102	113	108
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	736.4	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	1,145.1	1,393.0	1,601.6	1,626.4	1,535.2
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	2,642	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	6,509	6,778	6,558	6,582	6,590
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	122.5	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	291.1	308.0	325.6	324.1	352.3

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

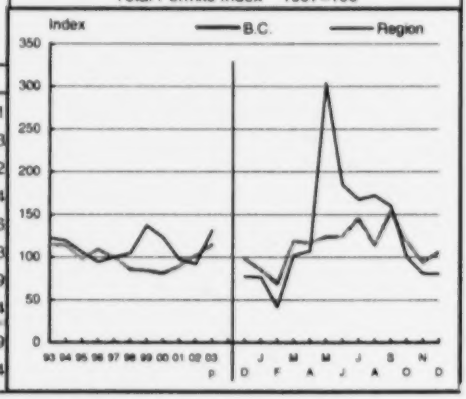


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Commercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1996	168.5	52.4	8.9	34.8	6.3	116.1	1,231
1997	178.3	59.8	8.9	41.0	21.4	118.4	1,073
1998	186.9	55.3	7.0	35.5	13.6	131.6	1,252
1999	244.8	98.6	18.0	52.2	17.0	146.2	1,274
2000	219.0	87.0	27.8	60.0	15.3	132.0	1,036
2001	174.3	61.9	8.8	45.3	34.7	112.4	803
2002	164.2	35.1	6.5	40.1	5.0	129.1	789
2003 p	234.6	54.8	5.9	81.0	21.3	179.8	1,054
YTD Dec '02	160.8	33.5	6.2	40.1	5.0	127.3	789
YTD Dec '03	234.6	54.8	5.9	81.0	21.3	179.8	1,054

Total Permits Index 1997=100



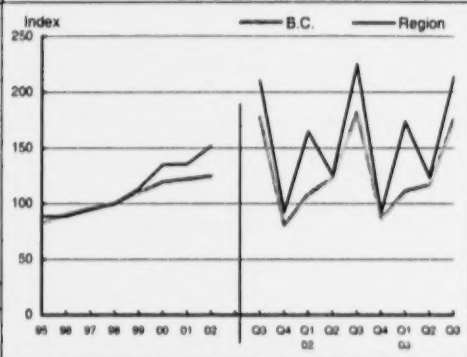
Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

Kootenay
Development Region

7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Kootenay Dev. Region	1999	53,603.2	12,340.3	11,832.5	20,830.8	8,599.6
	2000	63,793.4	15,003.8	13,681.5	24,142.4	10,965.7
	2001	64,107.6	15,156.9	13,231.0	24,811.1	10,908.5
	2002	71,712.2	19,438.8	14,875.1	26,529.6	10,868.7
	2003	60,346.5	20,481.7	14,640.6	25,224.2	
British Columbia	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,219,898.9	335,825.8	352,914.7	531,158.4	

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100



Kootenay 2002 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

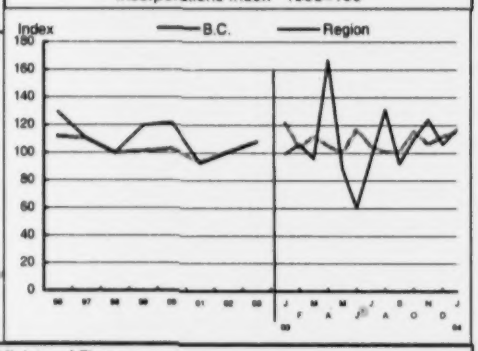
Total	71,712.2	100.0%
Hotels	27,277.0	38.0%
Motels	20,378.3	28.4%
Vacation Rentals	10,652.1	14.9%

Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1996	438
1997	372
1998	338
1999	405
2000	412
2001	313
2002	340
2003	365
Jan-Jan 03	30
Jan-Jan 04	44

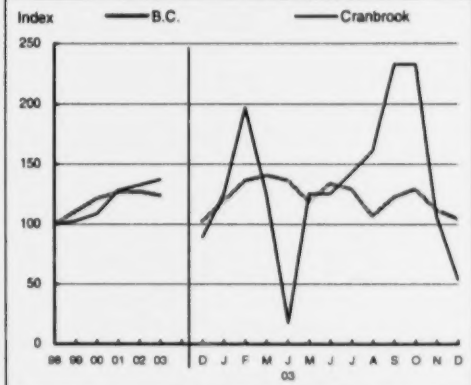
Incorporations Index 1998=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1998=100
Total = Consumer + Business



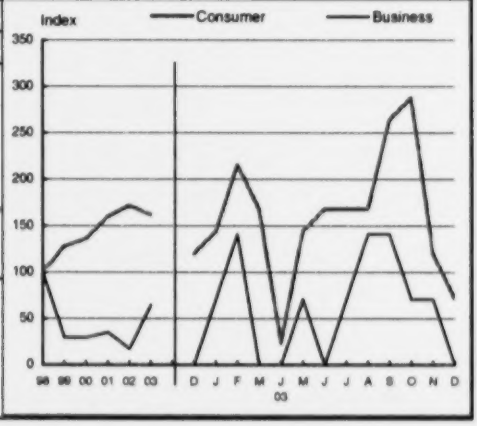
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Cranbrook Consumer	Cranbrook Business	Non-urban B.C. Consumer	Non-urban B.C. Business	B.C. Consumer	B.C. Business
1999	64	5	854	170	8,181	1,077
2000	68	5	983	148	9,184	980
2001	80	6	1,187	187	9,476	1,101
2002	86	3	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
2003	81	11	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
Jan-Dec 02	86	3	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
Jan-Dec 03	81	11	1,186	173	9,385	1,002

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Cranbrook Indices 1998=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

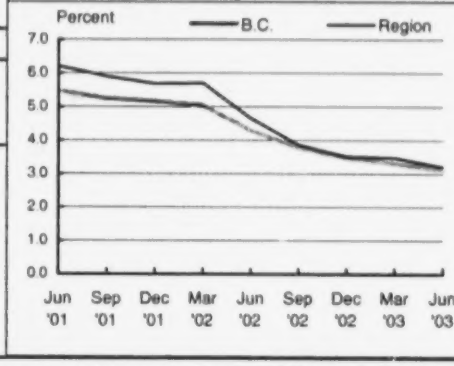
(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women Tot. Female 19-64
Kootenay Dev. Region	Mar '01	6.3	9.1	9.4	5.1	2.9
	Jun '01	6.2	9.2	9.0	5.0	3.0
	Sep '01	5.9	8.9	8.2	4.8	3.0
	Dec '01	5.7	8.2	8.1	4.7	2.8
	Mar '02	5.7	8.4	7.9	4.8	2.7
	Jun '02	4.7	6.7	5.8	4.0	2.3
	Sep '02	3.9	5.7	4.2	3.3	2.0
	Dec '02	3.5	5.1	3.7	3.1	1.8
	Mar '03	3.5	4.9	3.9	3.0	1.7
	Jun '03	3.2	4.6	3.6	2.8	1.6

Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of June '03)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	4,123	110,570
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	43.7	39.6
1-2 Years	14.8	14.7
>2 Years	41.5	45.7

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



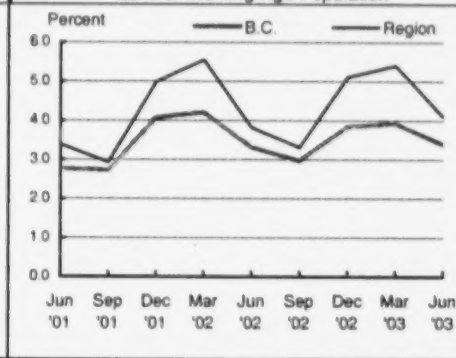
Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64	
5.1	7.0	5.5	2.5	Mar '01
3.4	4.2	3.7	1.5	Jun '01
2.9	3.5	3.3	1.2	Sep '01
5.0	6.5	5.5	2.1	Dec '01
5.6	7.1	6.1	2.7	Mar '02
3.8	4.5	4.2	1.8	Jun '02
3.3	3.5	3.8	1.5	Sep '02
5.1	6.0	5.7	2.5	Dec '02
5.4	6.1	5.9	3.0	Mar '03
4.1	4.5	4.5	2.3	Jun '03

EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

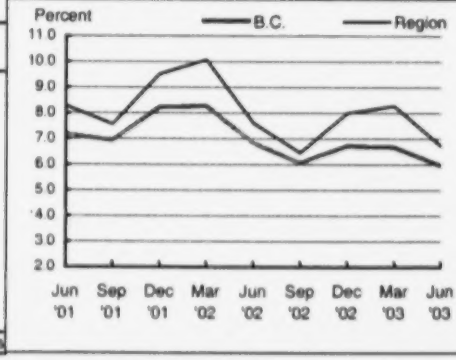
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64
Kootenay Dev. Region	Jun '01	8.3	12.9	8.6	4.1
	Sep '01	7.6	11.4	7.9	3.8
	Dec '01	9.5	14.3	10.0	4.8
	Mar '02	10.1	14.3	10.7	5.2
	Jun '02	7.6	10.1	8.1	4.2
	Sep '02	6.5	7.6	7.0	3.6
	Dec '02	8.0	9.5	8.7	4.5
	Mar '03	8.3	10.0	8.9	4.9
	Jun '03	6.7	8.0	7.3	4.1

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Kootenay
Development Region

13 Demographics

The dependence on the male-dominated jobs in the resource sectors is likely the reason for a gender ratio weighted in favour of males in this region, in contrast to the province as a whole, which has more females than males. Cutbacks in the mining sector and the mobility of construction workers have resulted in an age structure that is somewhat different than the provincial average. Those workers who move are more likely to be young and single, leaving behind more mature couples with families. As a result, the median age is higher than the provincial median as is the elderly dependency ratio.

14 Projection

The natural increase (i.e., excess of births over deaths) for this region will likely become negative within the next couple of years, but a tendency towards positive net migration should result in overall population growth until nearly the end of the projection period. By then, only two in ten people will be in the 18 to 65 age group.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

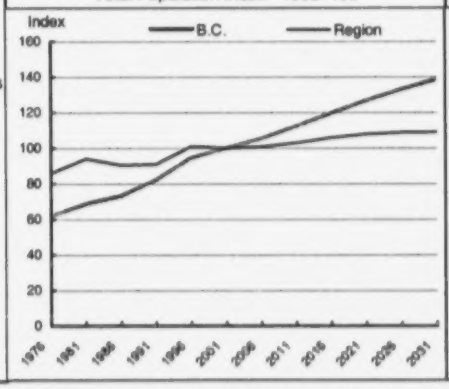
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							House-holds	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	10.0	32.0	16.6	33.8	26.3	11.7	130.3	42.6	0.547	0.152	0.699	1976
1981	10.9	30.5	18.0	42.2	26.6	14.5	142.7	50.5	0.476	0.166	0.643	1981
1986	10.2	27.6	13.1	42.6	27.0	16.7	137.2	52.1	0.457	0.202	0.659	1986
1991	9.1	26.8	11.7	43.2	28.7	18.7	138.1	53.6	0.429	0.223	0.653	1991
1996	8.9	29.2	12.7	45.5	35.9	20.9	153.1	60.8	0.404	0.222	0.627	1996
2001	7.2	26.3	12.4	41.1	41.9	22.6	151.6	64.1	0.351	0.236	0.588	2001
2006	6.1	22.9	14.7	36.6	47.4	25.0	152.8	67.3	0.294	0.254	0.547	2006
2011	6.5	19.9	13.6	37.4	50.7	28.1	156.1	72.3	0.259	0.276	0.535	2011
2016	6.9	18.9	12.1	39.6	49.6	33.5	160.7	76.7	0.255	0.330	0.585	2016
2021	6.8	19.3	10.5	41.1	46.5	39.4	163.5	78.9	0.266	0.402	0.667	2021
2026	6.3	19.8	9.9	41.0	43.4	44.6	165.0	80.0	0.277	0.473	0.750	2026
2031	5.9	19.4	10.4	37.4	44.6	47.6	165.3	81.2	0.273	0.515	0.789	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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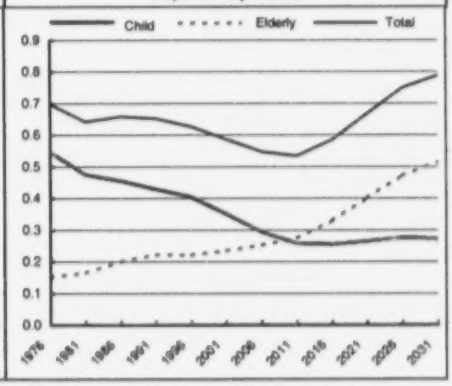

Source: Population data are Projection P-26, run in Summer 2003. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

Cariboo
Development Region

1 General Economy

Regional Districts in Development Region: Cariboo, Fraser-Fort George

Forestry is by far the main economic driver for this region, but tourism, agriculture and mining also play important roles in the economy. The region is home to a large number of pulp mills and sawmills and it is crucial that the timber supply to the region is sustained if it is to maintain its job base in the forest sector. There have been some mill closures over the last year that have had significant employment impacts. Developments in the forest sector will likely influence growth in this region in the future. The agriculture sector is comprised primarily of cattle ranching and mixed farming activities. Several mines have closed in the last couple of years due to low metal prices. The only remaining mine, Mount Polley, closed in 2001, but the potential exists for new ones to come on line within the next couple of years. Prince George is the main service centre of the northern interior of the province and the service sector is particularly important to the city's economy.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P28 completed in the Summer of 2003. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2002

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Cariboo							British Columbia	
		Firms with	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
		No Em-ployees	Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	5,809	5,975	493	216	46	6,730	100.0%	100.0%	167,421
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	1,093	974	61	24	2	1,061	15.8%	5.7%	9,047
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	20	12	1	0	0	13	0.2%	0.5%	778
22	Utilities	5	8	1	0	0	9	0.1%	0.1%	154
23	Construction	909	700	47	25	0	772	11.5%	10.7%	16,879
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	191	203	33	32	23	291	4.3%	5.6%	8,797
41	Wholesale Trade	194	223	32	6	0	261	3.9%	6.5%	10,253
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	363	648	56	35	5	744	11.1%	11.3%	17,808
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	551	552	20	12	1	585	8.7%	4.6%	7,319
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	42	35	7	4	0	46	0.7%	1.6%	2,484
52	Finance & Insurance	172	120	18	6	0	144	2.1%	3.4%	5,304
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	651	213	11	2	1	227	3.4%	4.5%	7,019
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	475	451	23	3	0	477	7.1%	11.3%	17,711
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	232	83	6	1	0	90	1.3%	2.1%	3,267
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	181	219	10	7	1	237	3.5%	4.8%	7,564
61	Educational Services	25	45	2	0	5	52	0.8%	1.2%	1,820
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	48	428	47	13	5	493	7.3%	8.6%	13,571
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	55	101	6	5	1	113	1.7%	1.8%	2,808
72	Accom. & Food Services	203	362	67	30	1	460	7.1%	7.3%	11,558
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	399	563	19	3	0	585	8.7%	7.9%	12,476
91	Public Administration	-	35	6	8	1	50	0.7%	0.5%	804

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

Cariboo
Development Region

3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Cariboo		North Coast & Nechako		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %
	1994	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,754.0	9.0
	1995	80.4	9.7	49.1	8.2	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	86.8	8.6	51.9	7.5	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	84.0	9.8	51.8	9.1	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	83.3	14.5	47.4	9.5	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	82.9	11.6	46.7	8.8	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	81.5	9.9	47.5	10.2	1,949.1	7.2
	2001	83.0	9.7	47.4	10.9	1,942.4	7.7
	2002	81.9	12.6	46.3	12.6	1,973.4	8.5
	2003	81.6	11.2	46.2	11.5	2,023.3	8.1
2003	Jan	78.4	13.1	45.1	11.7	1,969.8	8.5
	Feb	79.2	13.0	45.5	11.3	1,964.3	8.6
	Mar	79.9	12.8	46.0	11.4	1,971.3	8.5
	Apr	79.8	12.5	46.8	10.9	1,987.6	8.3
	May	79.7	12.6	47.5	11.2	2,002.6	8.3
	Jun	80.4	13.0	47.3	10.9	2,017.3	8.2
	Jul	83.1	12.1	47.2	11.6	2,038.0	8.3
	Aug	83.9	10.8	47.2	12.1	2,052.7	8.5
	Sep	82.1	10.4	47.2	11.4	2,050.9	8.7
	Oct	82.4	9.8	46.6	10.6	2,051.6	8.2
	Nov	82.9	9.5	44.9	10.6	2,045.5	7.7
	Dec	84.0	8.8	44.3	12.5	2,053.8	7.1
2004	Jan	83.3	9.8	44.0	13.8	2,042.9	7.3
	Feb						
	Mar						
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	May						
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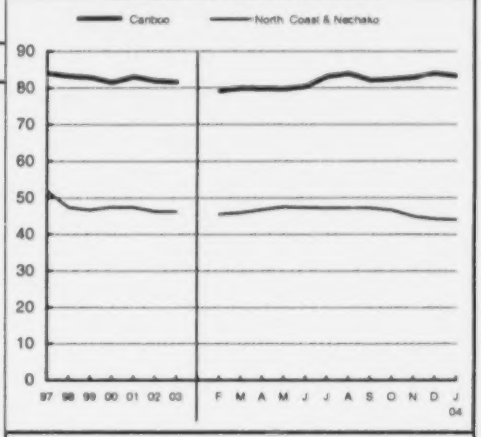
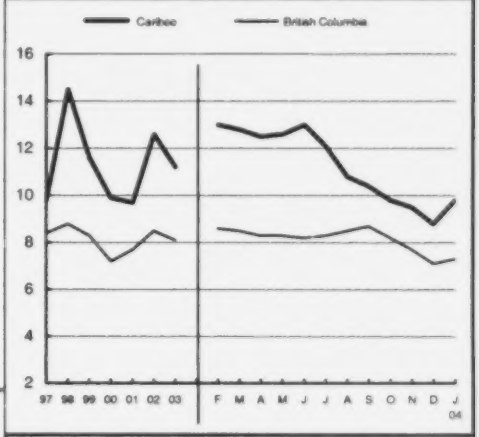
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Jan03	82.4	10.3	48.6	11.6	1,900.6	7.9
	Jan-Jan04	82.5	14.0	44.5	14.5	1,899.6	9.6
	% Change	0.1		-8.4		-0.1	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



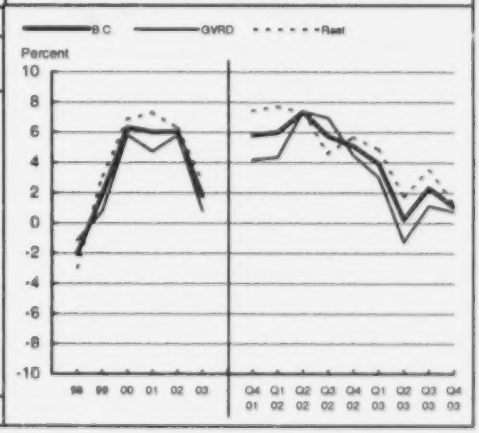
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales: B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	Percent change on year ago: B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
Annual	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
data	2002	40,272.6	19,996.5	20,276.1	6.0	5.8	6.3
	2003	40,998.1	20,161.5	20,836.6	1.8	0.8	2.8
	02 4	10,746.4	5,282.7	5,463.7	5.1	4.5	5.7
Quarterly	03 1	9,183.5	4,597.1	4,586.4	3.9	3.0	4.8
data	03 2	10,405.9	5,160.5	5,245.4	0.2	-1.3	1.8
	03 3	10,549.5	5,081.9	5,467.6	2.3	1.1	3.5
	03 4	10,859.2	5,322.0	5,537.2	1.0	0.7	1.3

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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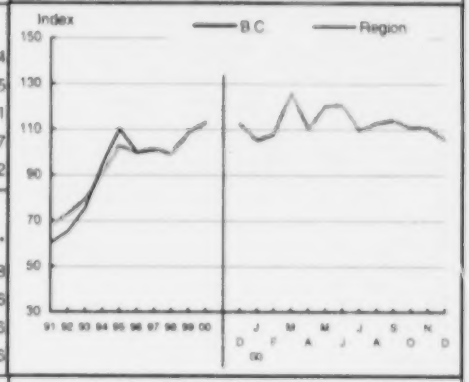
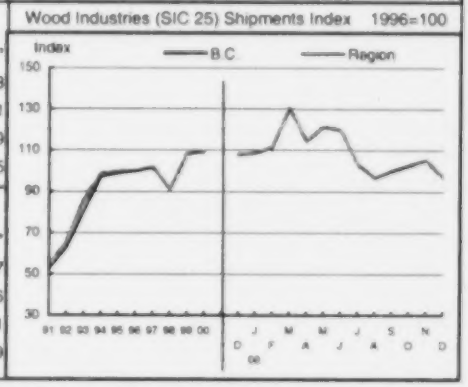
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	4	4	4	4	4
25	Wood	64	62	67	76	75
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	45	43	46	52	51
30	Metal Fabricating	24	23	23	26	27
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	158	151	162	187	182
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	2,012.4	2,435.1	2,474.6	2,507.4	2,542.8
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	2,155.5	2,112.5	2,164.5	2,224.6
30	Metal Fabricating	30.8	**	**	**	60.6
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	2,965.1	3,731.5	4,327.8	3,929.0	3,958.6
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	7,931	8,248	8,042	7,596	7,788
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	6,781	6,398	6,006	6,091
30	Metal Fabricating	274	**	**	**	519
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	11,928	12,494	12,343	11,899	12,415
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	353.0	384.1	405.4	394.2	402.7
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	324.4	327.1	315.7	324.6
30	Metal Fabricating	9.9	**	**	**	20.1
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	542.2	604.2	639.3	632.1	652.9

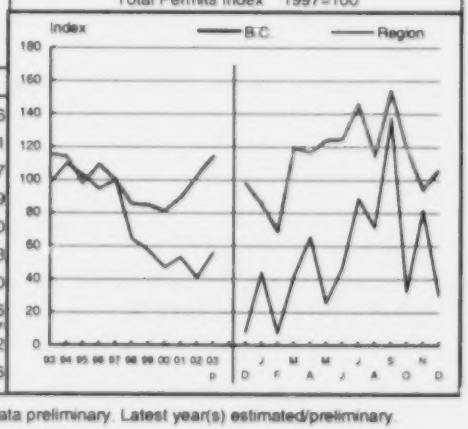




Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Comm-ercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential: Units
	<-- $ Millions -->						
1996	204.8	62.5	20.9	41.0	13.4	142.2	1,356
1997	216.7	97.5	10.5	47.4	21.8	119.1	1,081
1998	139.6	52.0	9.3	16.4	17.8	87.6	787
1999	124.4	61.0	12.5	14.4	31.6	63.4	469
2000	101.8	59.8	7.5	31.7	29.9	42.0	260
2001	115.2	81.2	4.0	17.1	55.9	34.0	183
2002	88.5	45.7	10.2	15.4	9.8	42.8	240
2003 p	121.4	89.4	6.7	12.6	29.1	31.9	186
YTD Dec '02	83.4	42.8	9.9	15.6	7.9	40.6	232
YTD Dec '03	121.4	89.4	6.7	12.6	29.1	31.9	186



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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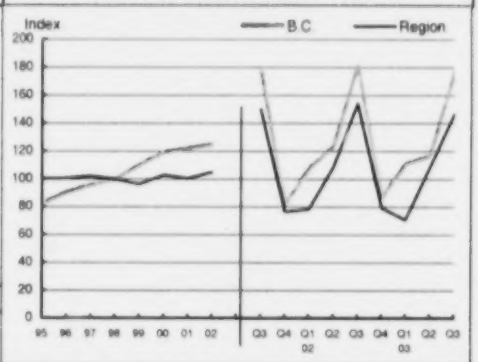
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Cariboo Dev. Region	1999	40,788.2	7,169.2	10,906.7	14,898.2	7,814.0
	2000	43,570.5	7,463.1	11,649.9	16,066.6	8,390.9
	2001	42,553.3	7,412.3	11,162.0	15,881.6	8,097.3
	2002	44,513.6	8,297.6	11,478.2	16,317.5	8,420.3
	2003	34,454.0	7,499.7	11,457.3	15,497.0	
British Columbia	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,219,898.9	335,825.8	352,914.7	531,158.4	

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100



Cariboo 2002 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

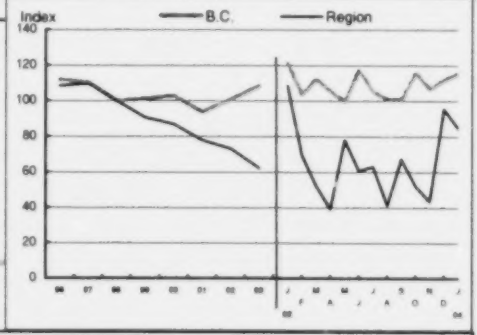
Total	44,513.6	100.0%
Fishing lodges	872.0	2.0%
Hotels	24,301.6	54.6%
1-75 Rooms	8,322.2	18.7%
Motels	15,742.5	35.4%
Vacation Rentals	1,430.7	3.2%
Miscellaneous	2,166.8	4.9%

Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1996	600
1997	607
1998	553
1999	502
2000	481
2001	431
2002	404
2003	344
Jan-Jan 03	32
Jan-Jan 04	34

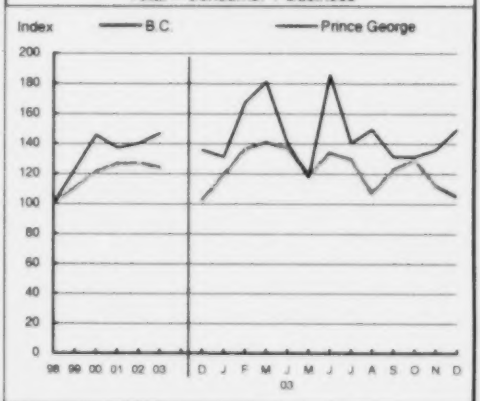
Incorporations Index 1998=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1998=100
Total = Consumer + Business



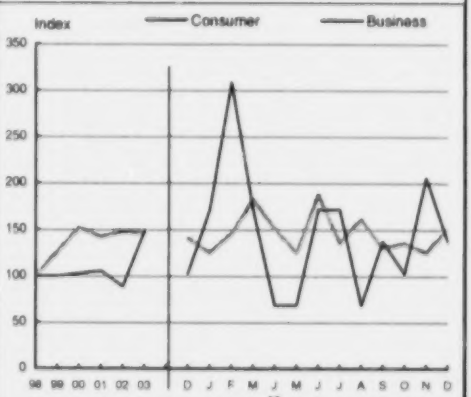
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Prince George Consumer	Prince George Business	Williams Lake Consumer	Williams Lake Business	Quesnel Consumer	Quesnel Business
1999	291	35	122	12	69	8
2000	350	36	122	10	81	7
2001	327	37	121	17	85	7
2002	340	31	126	22	93	3
2003	337	52	132	22	87	14
Jan-Dec 02	340	31	126	22	93	3
Jan-Dec 03	337	52	132	22	87	14

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Prince George Indices 1998=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

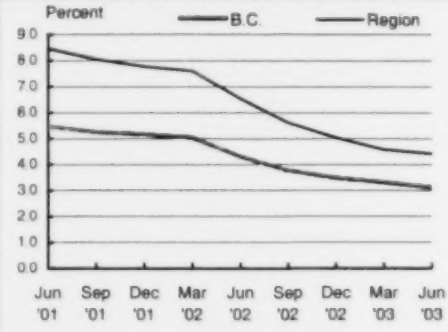
(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) Total Pop 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families Total Pop <19	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop 25-54	Single Parent Women Tot Female 19-64
Cariboo Dev. Region	Mar '01	8.2	11.0	13.8	6.5	4.1
	Jun '01	8.5	11.6	13.7	6.7	4.4
	Sep '01	8.1	11.2	12.3	6.4	4.3
	Dec '01	7.8	10.6	12.1	6.2	3.9
	Mar '02	7.6	10.5	11.4	6.2	3.8
	Jun '02	6.5	9.0	9.2	5.4	3.3
	Sep '02	5.6	7.8	7.9	4.6	2.9
	Dec '02	5.0	6.9	6.4	4.2	2.5
	Mar '03	4.6	6.1	5.9	3.9	2.2
	Jun '03	4.4	6.0	5.9	3.7	2.2

Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of June '03)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	6,653	110,570
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	44.9	39.6
1-2 Years	13.7	14.7
>2 Years	41.5	45.7

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



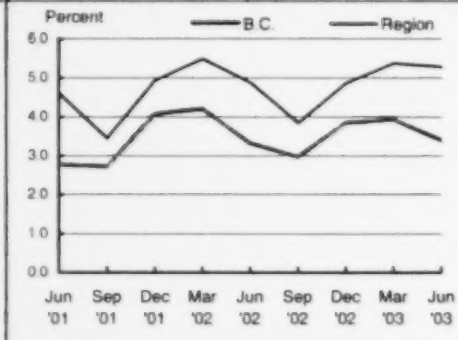
Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) Total Pop 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) Total Pop 55-64	
5.3	6.5	5.5	3.0	Mar '01
4.6	5.1	4.9	2.8	Jun '01
3.4	3.8	3.7	1.9	Sep '01
4.9	5.6	5.2	2.9	Dec '01
5.5	6.6	5.8	3.0	Mar '02
4.9	5.1	5.3	2.9	Jun '02
3.8	4.4	4.1	2.1	Sep '02
4.9	5.7	5.2	2.8	Dec '02
5.4	6.4	5.7	3.0	Mar '03
5.3	5.6	5.7	3.2	Jun '03

EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



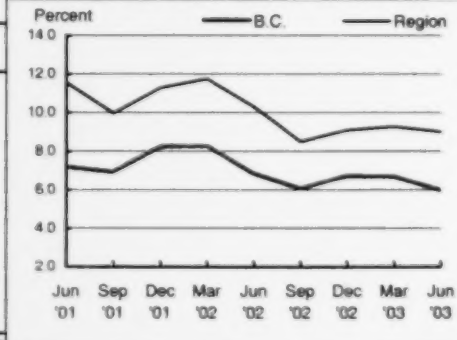
Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) Total Pop 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) Total Pop 55-64
Cariboo Dev. Region	Jun '01	11.6	18.4	11.4	6.6
	Sep '01	10.0	15.7	9.9	5.6
	Dec '01	11.3	17.3	11.2	6.6
	Mar '02	11.8	17.6	11.9	6.4
	Jun '02	10.3	14.2	10.5	6.0
	Sep '02	8.5	12.1	8.6	4.9
	Dec '02	9.1	12.0	9.3	5.6
	Mar '03	9.3	12.2	9.6	5.6
	Jun '03	9.0	11.4	9.3	5.6

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details.

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13 Demographics

The reliance on the male-dominated employment of the forest sector is likely the explanation for the heavy weighting of the gender ratio in favour of males in this region, in contrast to the province as a whole, which has more women than men. The median age of the population is lower than the provincial median and this is reflected in a higher proportion of children in the population and a lower proportion of elderly.

14 Projection

This region should continue to have out-migration for the short-term. A general trend towards recovery in the resource sector will likely led to increased in-migration. Natural increase is expected to become negative in the last decade of the projection period. Overall though, the population of the area should increase by over twenty thousand people during the next thirty years.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

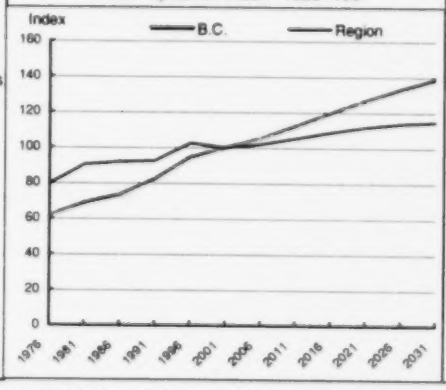
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households (,000)	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages		Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	13.4	38.0	18.9	41.5	18.5	4.3	134.6	38.9	0.651	0.054	0.705	1976
1981	14.7	37.4	22.3	51.0	21.8	5.5	152.7	48.0	0.548	0.058	0.606	1981
1986	13.8	35.9	18.6	54.3	25.3	7.2	155.0	52.0	0.506	0.073	0.579	1986
1991	12.6	34.8	15.7	54.8	28.9	9.3	156.2	53.9	0.476	0.093	0.570	1991
1996	12.3	36.9	17.6	58.7	36.0	11.6	173.2	61.7	0.439	0.104	0.542	1996
2001	10.0	33.2	16.4	52.6	42.5	14.2	169.0	64.8	0.388	0.128	0.515	2001
2006	8.4	29.7	18.1	49.1	49.5	17.4	172.2	70.5	0.326	0.149	0.475	2006
2011	9.0	26.2	17.1	49.7	54.3	21.6	177.9	76.8	0.291	0.178	0.469	2011
2016	9.4	24.7	15.7	51.6	54.6	27.6	183.7	81.9	0.279	0.227	0.506	2016
2021	9.3	25.3	13.6	53.4	53.0	34.0	188.7	85.4	0.288	0.283	0.571	2021
2026	8.9	26.1	12.8	53.2	51.3	39.8	192.1	87.1	0.298	0.339	0.637	2026
2031	8.4	25.7	13.8	49.6	52.4	43.8	193.7	88.8	0.295	0.378	0.673	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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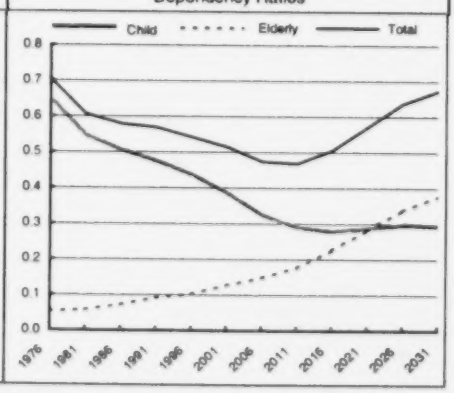

Source: Population data are Projection P-28, run in Summer 2003. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

North Coast
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1 **General Economy**

Regional Districts in Development Region: Skeena-Queen Charlotte, Kitimat-Stikine

Forestry, mining, tourism and fishing are all important economic drivers in this region. There is currently only one major mine still operating in the region (Eskay Creek) as the Snip mine closed in the spring of 1999. However, there is potential for several other mineral projects. In addition, mineral processing at the Alcan aluminum smelter at Kitimat provides a significant amount of employment. The Prince Rupert area has the largest concentration of fish processing facilities in the province outside the Vancouver area. Major developments that will affect this region include the recent land claims settlement with the Nisga'a; the possibility of new mines opening in the near future; the possibility of further restrictions being imposed on the fishing industry in order to avoid depletion of salmon stocks; the possibility of a new aluminum smelter at Kitimat.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P28 completed in the Summer of 2003. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 **Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2002**

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	North Coast						British Columbia	
		Firms with	Firms with Employees					With Employees	
		No Em-ployees	Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	1,650	2,061	147	72	19	2,299	100.0%	100.0%	157,421
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	390	267	11	7	0	285	12.4%	5.7%	9,047
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	2	2	0	0	0	2	0.1%	0.5%	778
22	Utilities	-	4	1	1	0	6	0.3%	0.1%	154
23	Construction	237	221	6	5	0	232	10.1%	10.7%	16,879
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	45	58	11	9	5	83	3.6%	5.6%	8,797
41	Wholesale Trade	44	83	5	1	0	89	3.9%	6.5%	10,253
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	115	274	25	14	1	314	13.7%	11.3%	17,808
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	176	140	8	5	3	156	6.8%	4.6%	7,319
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	13	25	3	0	0	28	1.2%	1.6%	2,484
52	Finance & Insurance	48	34	4	1	0	39	1.7%	3.4%	5,304
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	149	67	2	1	0	70	3.0%	4.5%	7,019
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	109	146	4	1	0	151	6.6%	11.3%	17,711
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	54	23	0	2	0	25	1.1%	2.1%	3,267
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	75	107	4	1	0	112	4.9%	4.8%	7,564
61	Educational Services	10	18	2	1	5	26	1.1%	1.2%	1,820
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	12	176	12	8	3	199	8.7%	8.6%	13,571
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	22	42	4	1	0	47	2.0%	1.8%	2,806
72	Accom. & Food Services	54	146	30	7	0	183	8.0%	7.3%	11,558
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	95	205	2	2	0	209	9.1%	7.9%	12,476
91	Public Administration	-	23	13	5	2	43	1.9%	0.5%	804

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		North Coast & Nechako		Northeast		British Columbia	
		Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
	1994	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,754.0	9.0
	1995	49.1	8.2	32.7	6.6	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	51.9	7.5	32.4	7.2	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	51.8	9.1	33.1	4.6	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	47.4	9.5	31.7	NA	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	46.7	8.8	30.8	8.9	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	47.5	10.2	32.5	6.1	1,949.1	7.2
	2001	47.4	10.9	33.2	5.9	1,942.4	7.7
	2002	46.3	12.6	33.4	9.0	1,973.4	8.5
	2003	46.2	11.5	34.0	6.9	2,023.3	8.1
2003	Jan	45.1	11.7	33.6	8.9	1,969.8	8.5
	Feb	45.5	11.3	33.7	8.2	1,964.3	8.6
	Mar	46.0	11.4	33.8	7.1	1,971.3	8.5
	Apr	46.8	10.9	33.4	7.2	1,987.8	8.3
	May	47.5	11.2	33.6	6.7	2,002.6	8.3
	Jun	47.3	10.9	33.2	7.2	2,017.3	8.2
	Jul	47.2	11.6	33.6	7.2	2,038.0	8.3
	Aug	47.2	12.1	33.5	7.7	2,052.7	8.5
	Sep	47.2	11.4	33.7	7.9	2,050.9	8.7
	Oct	46.6	10.6	34.3	6.8	2,051.6	8.2
	Nov	44.9	10.6	34.6	6.0	2,045.5	7.7
	Dec	44.3	12.5	35.2	4.3	2,053.8	7.1
2004	Jan	44.0	13.8	34.8	4.4	2,042.9	7.3
	Feb						
	Mar						
	Apr						
	May						
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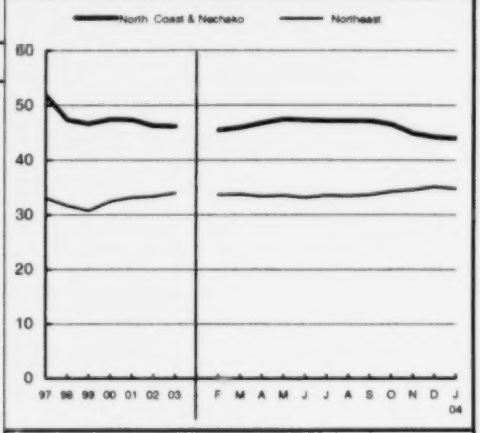
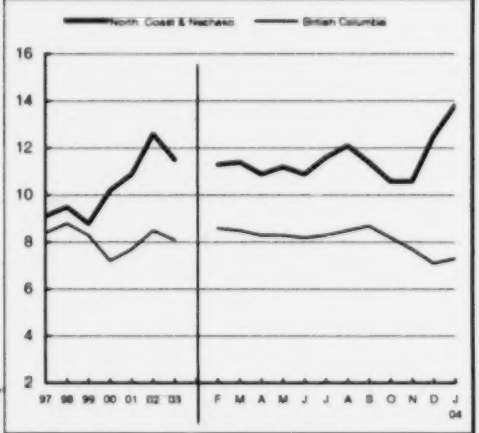
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Jan03	48.6	11.6	32.4	3.0	1,900.6	7.9
	Jan-Jan04	44.5	14.5	31.3	10.8	1,899.6	9.6
	% Change	-8.4		-3.4		-0.1	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



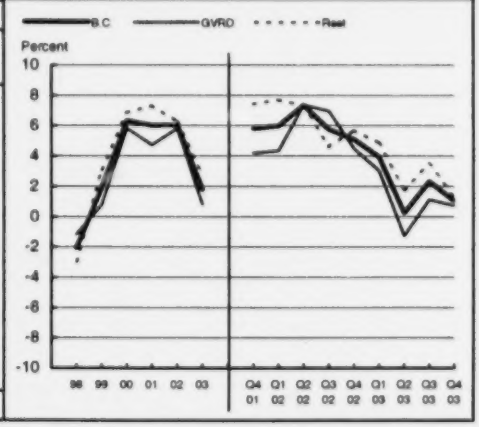
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales: B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	Percent change on year ago: B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
Annual	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
data	2002	40,272.6	19,996.5	20,276.1	6.0	5.8	6.3
	2003	40,998.1	20,161.5	20,836.6	1.8	0.8	2.8
	02 4	10,746.4	5,282.7	5,463.7	5.1	4.5	5.7
Quarterly	03 1	9,183.5	4,597.1	4,586.4	3.9	3.0	4.8
data	03 2	10,405.9	5,160.5	5,245.4	0.2	-1.3	1.8
	03 3	10,549.5	5,081.9	5,467.6	2.3	1.1	3.5
	03 4	10,859.2	5,322.0	5,537.2	1.0	0.7	1.3

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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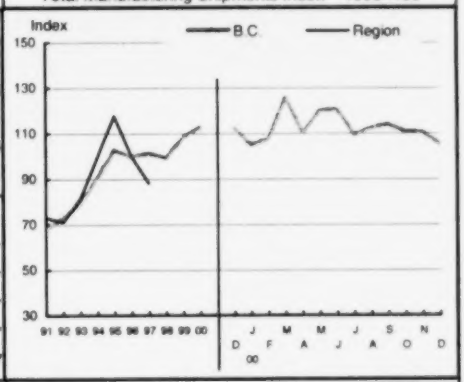
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	8	0	6	7	7
25	Wood	8	8	10	14	13
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	6	6	7	11	11
30	Metal Fabricating	9	8	6	9	9
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	42	35	44	55	51
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	0.0	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	9.0	8.1	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	1,289.9	**	1,860.9	1,581.1	1,391.7
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	23	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	65	57	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	5,264	**	5,005	5,718	5,016
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	0.8	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	2.1	1.8	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	272.1	**	265.5	268.0	240.7

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



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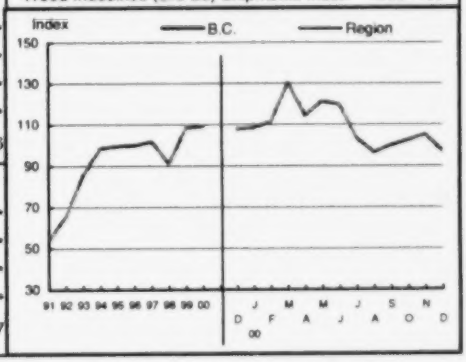
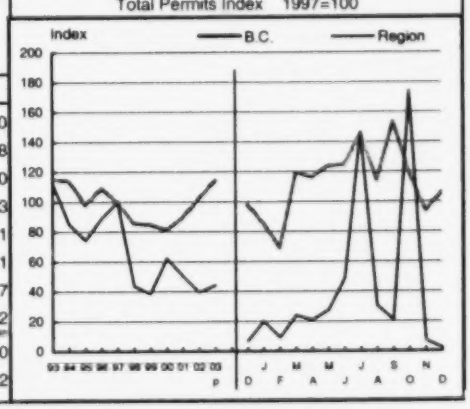


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Commercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1996	49.4	20.5	7.3	n/a	2.5	28.9	210
1997	55.6	32.9	18.9	n/a	1.7	22.7	148
1998	24.4	12.1	5.3	n/a	2.3	12.3	60
1999	21.5	12.5	3.9	n/a	3.7	9.0	43
2000	34.7	26.6	0.6	n/a	21.3	8.1	31
2001	28.1	23.4	3.0	n/a	13.9	4.7	11
2002	22.1	18.6	0.4	n/a	11.3	3.5	7
2003 p	24.6	18.7	7.9	n/a	1.6	5.9	12
YTD Dec '02	22.3	18.4	0.4	n/a	10.9	3.9	10
YTD Dec '03	24.6	18.7	7.9	n/a	1.6	5.9	12

Total Permits Index 1997=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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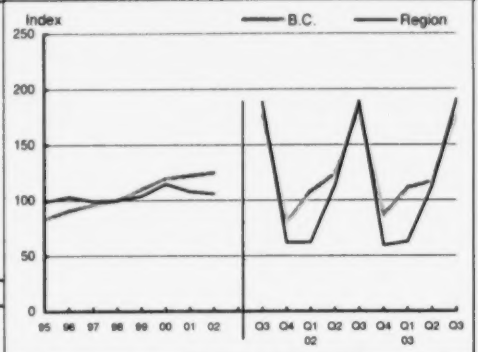
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
North Coast Dev. Region	1999	18,651.3	2,568.6	5,015.9	7,769.9	3,296.9
	2000	20,609.5	2,923.1	5,833.7	8,987.5	2,865.1
	2001	19,341.6	2,744.1	5,360.9	8,445.7	2,791.0
	2002	19,015.9	2,802.2	5,076.1	8,471.9	2,665.7
	2003	16,423.0	2,818.8	5,055.5	8,548.7	
British Columbia	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,219,898.9	335,825.8	352,914.7	531,158.4	

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100



North Coast 2002 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

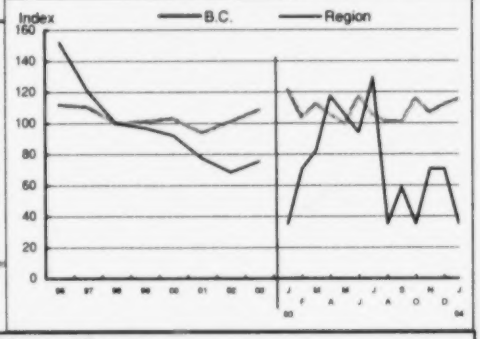
Total	19,015.9	100.0%
Hotels	9,306.5	48.9%
Motels	5,214.4	27.4%

Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1996	155
1997	123
1998	102
1999	99
2000	94
2001	79
2002	70
2003	77
Jan-Jan 03	6
Jan-Jan 04	1

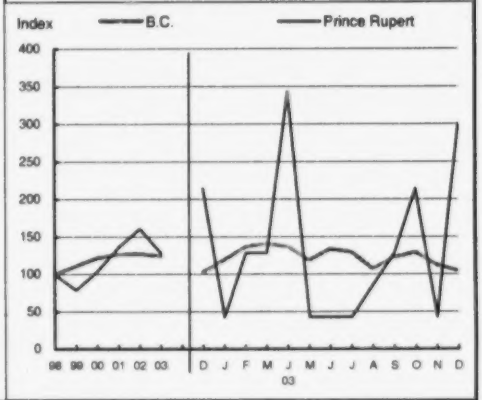
Incorporations Index 1998=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1998=100
Total = Consumer + Business



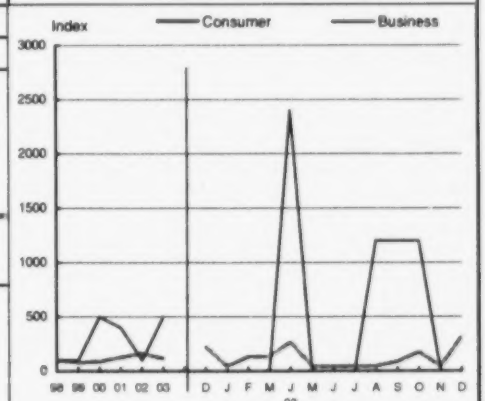
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Prince Rupert Consumer	Prince Rupert Business	Terrace Consumer	Terrace Business	Kitimat Consumer	Kitimat Business
1999	21	1	43	7	21	0
2000	24	5	38	4	27	0
2001	34	4	45	6	25	2
2002	44	1	38	3	24	3
2003	31	5	57	11	13	4
Jan-Dec 02	44	1	38	3	24	3
Jan-Dec 03	31	5	57	11	13	4

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Prince Rupert Indices 1998=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

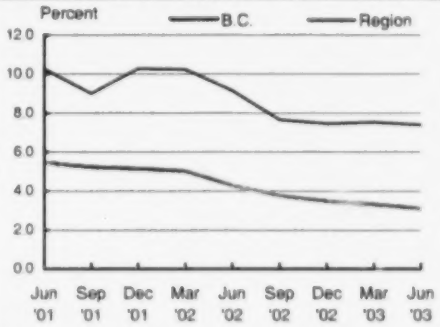
(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women Tot. Female 19-64
North Coast Dev. Region	Mar '01	9.9	12.8	18.5	7.9	4.3
	Jun '01	10.3	13.2	19.2	8.2	4.5
	Sep '01	9.0	12.0	17.2	6.8	4.2
	Dec '01	10.3	13.6	19.2	8.0	4.4
	Mar '02	10.3	13.7	18.3	8.1	4.4
	Jun '02	9.2	12.2	16.0	7.3	4.0
	Sep '02	7.7	10.3	12.5	6.1	3.7
	Dec '02	7.5	10.0	11.4	6.1	3.3
	Mar '03	7.5	10.3	11.0	6.1	3.4
	Jun '03	7.4	10.4	10.4	5.9	3.5

Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of June '03)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	3,793	110,570
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	45.3	39.6
1-2 Years	16.4	14.7
>2 Years	38.3	45.7

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996.

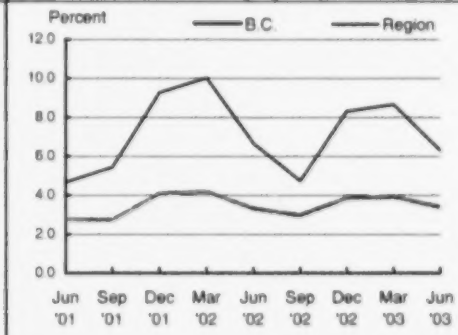
\- Data too small to release.

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

		Working Age (19-64) Total Pop 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64	
North Coast Dev. Region	Mar '01	7.8	7.6	8.2	5.9	Mar '01
	Jun '01	4.7	4.9	4.9	3.0	Jun '01
	Sep '01	5.4	4.2	6.0	3.5	Sep '01
	Dec '01	9.3	6.8	9.9	8.1	Dec '01
	Mar '02	10.0	8.3	10.9	7.6	Mar '02
	Jun '02	6.7	5.0	7.2	5.2	Jun '02
	Sep '02	4.7	4.0	5.1	3.3	Sep '02
	Dec '02	8.3	7.1	8.8	6.7	Dec '02
	Mar '03	8.7	7.4	9.3	6.7	Mar '03
	Jun '03	6.3	4.8	6.8	4.8	Jun '03

EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



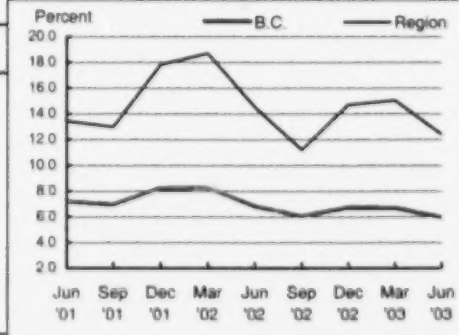
Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64
North Coast Dev. Region	Jun '01	13.4	23.9	13.0	7.5
	Sep '01	13.0	21.0	12.7	8.1
	Dec '01	17.9	25.5	17.7	12.8
	Mar '02	18.7	25.9	18.9	12.0
	Jun '02	14.5	20.8	14.6	9.3
	Sep '02	11.2	16.3	11.3	6.9
	Dec '02	14.7	18.5	15.0	10.3
	Mar '03	15.1	18.5	15.5	10.4
	Jun '03	12.4	15.3	12.8	8.3

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

North Coast
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13 Demographics

The median age of the population in this region is substantially younger than the provincial median. There are proportionately more children and less elderly in the population compared to the province as a whole. The total fertility rate is substantially higher than the provincial rate, which partially contributes to the greater proportion of children. Due to the dependence on the male-dominated employment of the resource sectors, the gender ratio is biased in favour of males, in contrast to the province as a whole, which has more women than men.

14 Projection

This region has tended to have more net migration outflows than inflows, but new economic opportunities that will be developing over the next couple of decades may reverse this trend towards small net inflows through most of the projection period. With the youthful population, the natural increase (i.e., the excess of births over deaths) will remain relatively high, which will result in an overall tendency of population growth for this region.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

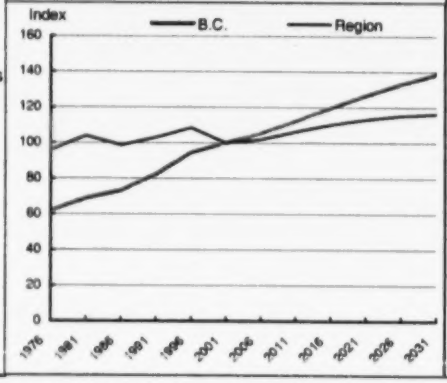
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households (,000)	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages		Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	6.6	17.9	9.0	19.1	8.5	2.0	63.0	17.1	0.671	0.055	0.726	1976
1981	6.7	17.2	10.6	22.6	9.0	2.2	68.3	20.4	0.566	0.052	0.618	1981
1986	6.2	15.3	8.0	22.6	10.0	2.7	64.8	20.9	0.528	0.067	0.595	1986
1991	6.4	15.0	7.4	23.8	11.6	3.4	67.7	22.5	0.500	0.080	0.580	1991
1996	6.0	15.6	7.4	24.6	13.6	4.1	71.3	24.4	0.474	0.091	0.564	1996
2001	4.4	14.0	5.9	20.8	15.7	4.9	65.7	24.3	0.435	0.116	0.551	2001
2006	4.1	13.0	7.0	19.2	17.8	5.8	67.0	25.2	0.388	0.133	0.521	2006
2011	4.1	11.9	7.3	19.1	19.9	7.5	69.9	27.5	0.347	0.162	0.509	2011
2016	4.1	11.2	7.0	19.4	20.8	10.0	72.5	29.8	0.324	0.211	0.535	2016
2021	4.1	11.0	6.1	20.1	20.6	12.4	74.4	31.2	0.324	0.265	0.589	2021
2026	4.0	11.0	5.8	20.7	19.5	14.7	75.8	32.2	0.327	0.319	0.646	2026
2031	3.8	10.9	5.9	20.0	19.3	16.5	76.5	32.9	0.326	0.366	0.692	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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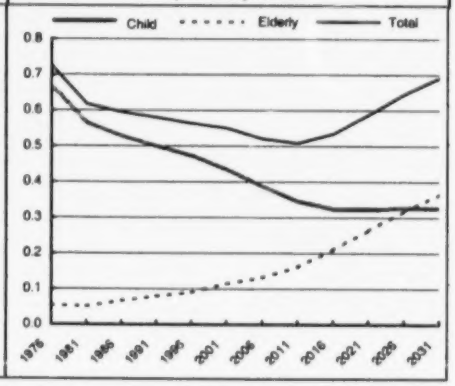

Source: Population data are Projection P-28, run in Summer 2003. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

1 General Economy

Regional Districts in Development Region: Bulkley-Nechako, Stikine

Forestry, tourism, mining and agriculture are the main economic activities in this region. The increase in the AAC for the Cassiar TSA in 1996 did not precipitate population increases. In 2002, the AAC was reduced by one quarter. Several major mines have shut down in recent years; however, there is a great deal of potential for other mineral deposits to be exploited and new mines will be constructed over the next few years. Endako employees over 200 people. The Huckleberry Copper mine opened in 1997 and has an expected 16 year life. The Tulsequah Chief mine project on the Taku River near Atlin has been approved and could employ as many as 500 people. Most miners will likely live else where, flying in from all parts of Canada to work.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P28 completed in the Summer of 2003. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2002

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Nechako							British Columbia	
		Firms with	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
		No Em-ployees	Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	1,769	1,873	138	48	13	2,072	100.0%	100.0%	157,421
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	496	438	38	6	0	482	23.3%	5.7%	9,047
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	15	8	2	2	1	13	0.6%	0.5%	778
22	Utilities	1	3	1	0	0	4	0.2%	0.1%	154
23	Construction	227	213	9	4	0	226	10.9%	10.7%	16,879
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	57	63	7	8	7	85	4.1%	5.6%	8,797
41	Wholesale Trade	47	54	3	0	0	57	2.8%	6.5%	10,253
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	123	183	23	6	0	212	10.2%	11.3%	17,808
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	174	163	3	4	2	172	8.3%	4.6%	7,319
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	11	22	0	0	0	22	1.1%	1.6%	2,484
52	Finance & Insurance	40	24	2	1	0	27	1.3%	3.4%	5,304
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	133	52	1	2	0	55	2.7%	4.5%	7,019
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	123	125	5	0	0	130	6.3%	11.3%	17,711
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	57	22	1	1	0	24	1.2%	2.1%	3,267
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	53	53	1	0	0	54	2.6%	4.8%	7,564
61	Educational Services	7	16	1	1	2	20	1.0%	1.2%	1,820
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	9	91	9	5	1	106	5.1%	8.6%	13,571
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	24	38	2	1	0	41	2.0%	1.8%	2,808
72	Accom. & Food Services	64	137	21	4	0	162	7.8%	7.3%	11,558
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	108	147	4	1	0	152	7.3%	7.9%	12,476
91	Public Administration	-	21	5	2	0	28	1.4%	0.5%	804

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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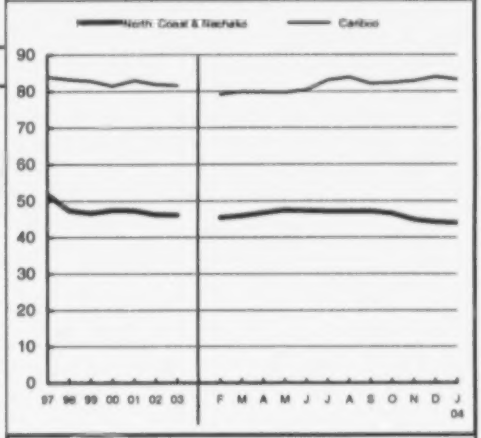
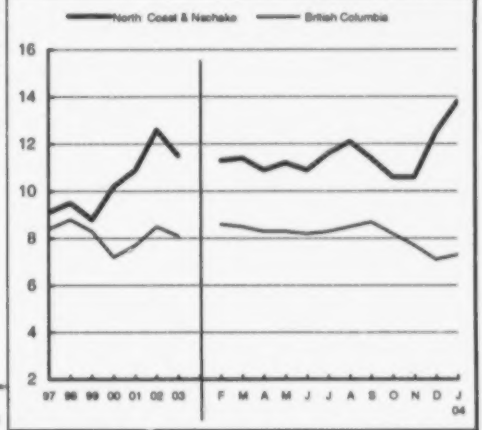
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		North Coast & Nechako		Cariboo		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %
	1994	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,754.0	9.0
	1995	49.1	8.2	80.4	9.7	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	51.9	7.5	86.8	8.6	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	51.8	9.1	84.0	9.8	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	47.4	9.5	83.3	14.5	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	46.7	8.8	82.9	11.6	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	47.5	10.2	81.5	9.9	1,949.1	7.2
	2001	47.4	10.9	83.0	9.7	1,942.4	7.7
	2002	46.3	12.6	81.9	12.6	1,973.4	8.5
	2003	46.2	11.5	81.6	11.2	2,023.3	8.1
2003	Jan	45.1	11.7	78.4	13.1	1,969.8	8.5
	Feb	45.5	11.3	79.2	13.0	1,964.3	8.6
	Mar	46.0	11.4	79.9	12.8	1,971.3	8.5
	Apr	46.8	10.9	79.8	12.5	1,987.8	8.3
	May	47.5	11.2	79.7	12.6	2,002.6	8.3
	Jun	47.3	10.9	80.4	13.0	2,017.3	8.2
	Jul	47.2	11.6	83.1	12.1	2,038.0	8.3
	Aug	47.2	12.1	83.9	10.8	2,052.7	8.5
	Sep	47.2	11.4	82.1	10.4	2,050.9	8.7
	Oct	46.6	10.6	82.4	9.8	2,051.6	8.2
	Nov	44.9	10.6	82.9	9.5	2,045.5	7.7
	Dec	44.3	12.5	84.0	8.8	2,053.8	7.1
2004	Jan	44.0	13.8	83.3	9.8	2,042.9	7.3
	Feb						
	Mar						
	Apr						
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Jan03	48.6	11.6	82.4	10.3	1,900.6	7.9
	Jan-Jan04	44.5	14.5	82.5	14.0	1,899.6	9.6
	% Change	-8.4		0.1		-0.1	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



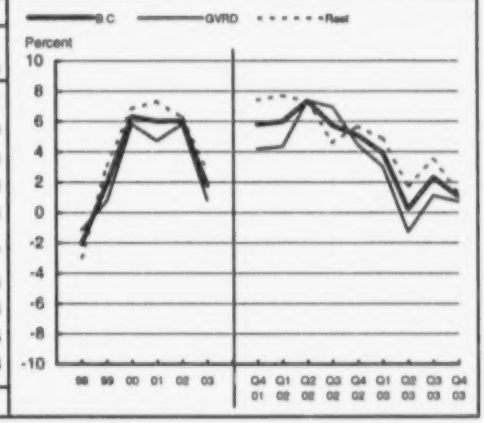
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales: B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	Percent change on year ago: B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
Annual	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
data	2002	40,272.6	19,996.5	20,276.1	6.0	5.8	6.3
	2003	40,998.1	20,161.5	20,836.6	1.8	0.8	2.8
	02 4	10,746.4	5,282.7	5,463.7	5.1	4.5	5.7
Quarterly	03 1	9,183.5	4,597.1	4,586.4	3.9	3.0	4.8
data	03 2	10,405.9	5,160.5	5,245.4	0.2	-1.3	1.8
	03 3	10,549.5	5,081.9	5,467.6	2.3	1.1	3.5
	03 4	10,859.2	5,322.0	5,537.2	1.0	0.7	1.3

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year

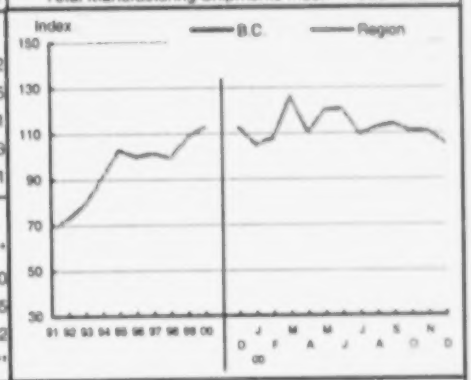


Nechako
Development Region

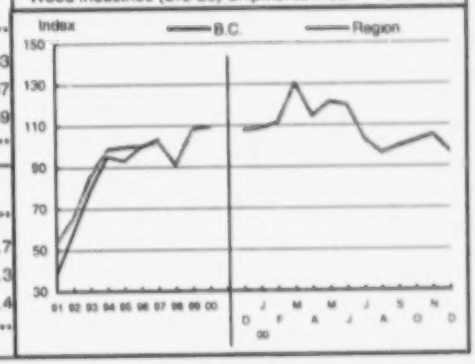
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	3	2	2	1	2
25	Wood	21	23	24	27	25
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	19	20	21	23	21
30	Metal Fabricating	2	3	3	4	3
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	35	37	40	43	41
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	879.0	1,054.8	1,031.9	1,108.4	1,148.0
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	1,098.2	1,142.5
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	6.2	4.2
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	**
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	2,672	2,790	2,795	2,652	2,693
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	2,562	2,647
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	64	39
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	**
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	121.1	127.6	132.6	126.7	128.7
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	123.5	127.3
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	2.0	1.4
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	**

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

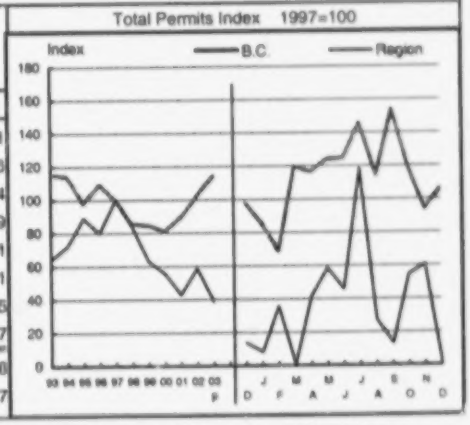


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Commercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential: Units
	<-- $ Millions -->						
1996	33.1	7.9	1.1	0.0	1.0	25.2	261
1997	41.3	14.2	2.6	0.0	3.7	27.1	236
1998	34.7	15.4	3.2	0.0	5.6	19.3	184
1999	26.1	13.6	1.8	0.0	3.4	12.5	109
2000	23.0	13.3	1.6	0.0	2.9	9.7	71
2001	17.8	10.8	1.1	0.0	4.4	7.0	61
2002	24.3	19.5	5.5	0.0	10.0	4.9	35
2003 p	16.1	10.0	4.0	0.0	2.3	6.1	47
YTD Dec '02	24.8	19.5	5.5	0.0	9.7	5.3	38
YTD Dec '03	16.1	10.0	4.0	0.0	2.3	6.1	47

Total Permits Index 1997=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

Nechako
Development Region

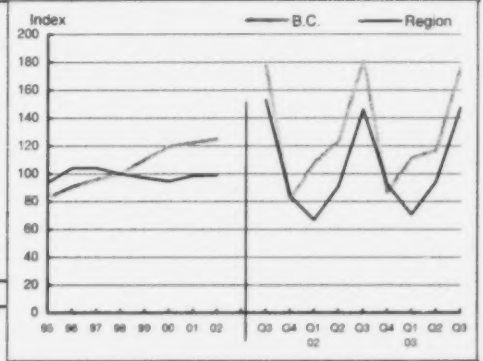
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Nechako Dev. Region	1999	8,684.3	1,401.9	2,049.1	3,377.8	1,855.5
	2000	8,443.5	1,503.7	2,143.5	3,193.5	1,602.7
	2001	8,807.0	1,435.5	2,083.8	3,412.6	1,875.1
	2002	8,843.0	1,490.5	2,034.3	3,261.7	2,056.5
	2003	6,974.1	1,579.4	2,103.9	3,290.9	
British Columbia	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,167.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,219,898.9	335,825.8	352,914.7	531,158.4	

Nechako 2002 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	8,843.0	100.0%
Motels	4,700.4	53.2%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

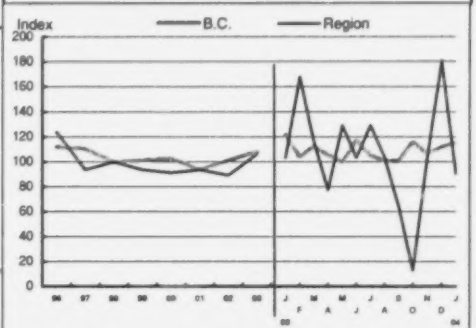


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1996	115
1997	87
1998	93
1999	87
2000	85
2001	87
2002	83
2003	99
Jan-Jan 03	13
Jan-Jan 04	8

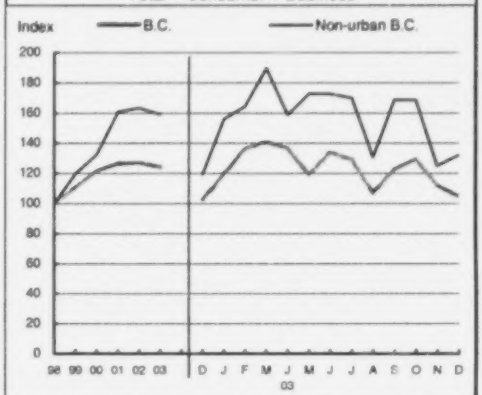
Incorporations Index 1998=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1998=100
Total = Consumer + Business



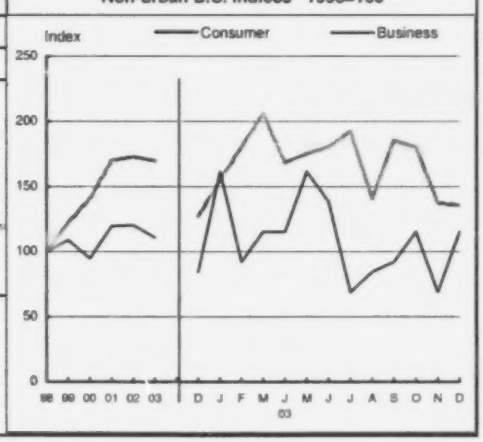
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Non-urban B.C. Consumer	Non-urban B.C. Business	B.C. Consumer	B.C. Business
1999	854	170	8,181	1,077
2000	983	148	9,184	980
2001	1,187	187	9,476	1,101
2002	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
2003	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
Jan-Dec 02	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
Jan-Dec 03	1,186	173	9,385	1,002

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Non-urban B.C. Indices 1998=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women	
Subject Group (receiving benefits)							
Reference Group		Total Pop. 0-64	Total Pop. <19	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64	
Nechako Dev. Region	Mar '01	5.8	7.0	10.8	4.6	2.9	Mar '01
	Jun '01	5.8	6.9	10.8	4.7	2.9	Jun '01
	Sep '01	5.5	6.9	9.6	4.3	2.9	Sep '01
	Dec '01	5.7	6.9	9.8	4.7	2.8	Dec '01
	Mar '02	5.6	6.8	9.7	4.6	2.7	Mar '02
	Jun '02	4.7	5.7	7.5	4.0	2.3	Jun '02
	Sep '02	4.3	5.5	6.2	3.5	2.2	Sep '02
	Dec '02	3.8	4.7	5.3	3.2	2.0	Dec '02
	Mar '03	3.6	4.6	4.4	3.2	1.9	Mar '03
	Jun '03	3.5	4.4	4.1	3.1	1.8	Jun '03

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

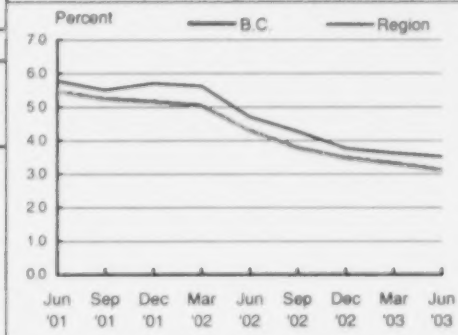
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

		Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
Subject Group (receiving benefits)						
Reference Group		Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64	
Nechako Dev. Region	Mar '01	4.8	5.9	4.9	3.2	Mar '01
	Jun '01	5.6	5.7	5.9	3.8	Jun '01
	Sep '01	3.4	3.9	3.5	2.2	Sep '01
	Dec '01	5.6	6.8	5.8	3.3	Dec '01
	Mar '02	5.2	7.0	5.4	2.8	Mar '02
	Jun '02	5.5	6.0	5.9	3.0	Jun '02
	Sep '02	3.8	4.3	4.0	2.4	Sep '02
	Dec '02	4.6	5.0	4.9	2.9	Dec '02
	Mar '03	4.9	5.9	5.0	3.0	Mar '03
	Jun '03	5.7	6.1	6.1	3.4	Jun '03

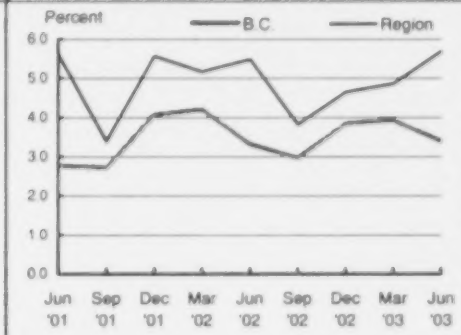
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of June '03)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	1,334	110,570
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	45.7	39.6
1-2 Years	14.8	14.7
>2 Years	39.6	45.7

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

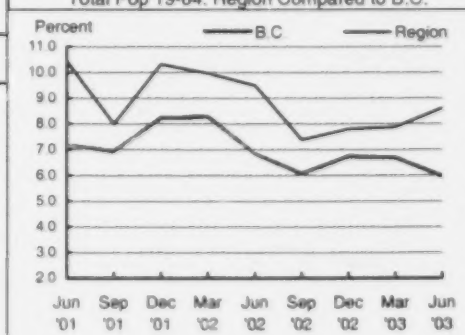
- Data too small to release.

12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
Subject Group (receiving assistance)					
Reference Group		Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64
Nechako Dev. Region	Jun '01	10.4	15.8	10.2	6.7
	Sep '01	8.0	13.1	7.7	5.0
	Dec '01	10.3	16.0	10.1	6.3
	Mar '02	10.0	15.9	9.8	5.5
	Jun '02	9.5	13.2	9.6	5.5
	Sep '02	7.4	10.3	7.4	4.7
	Dec '02	7.8	10.1	7.9	5.0
	Mar '03	7.9	10.1	8.1	5.0
	Jun '03	8.6	10.0	9.0	5.4

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



*Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details.

Nechako
Development Region

13 Demographics

The median age of the population of this region is substantially lower than the provincial median and the ratio of children (aged 17 and under) to working age population (aged 18 to 64) is also substantially higher in this region compared to the province as a whole. The total fertility rate is one of the reasons for the youthful population, since it is also much higher than the provincial rate. The remoteness of a large portion of the region is likely another reason, since the elderly tend not to live in areas that are distant from medical facilities and other services. The gender ratio is heavily weighted in favour of males, in contrast to the province as a whole, which has more females than males. This is likely due to the nature of the economic activities in the region.

14 Projection

A large portion of this region is very sparsely populated. Net migration to the area has been negative in recent years and this trend should continue for the next few years. The region should experience small net inflows with the recoveries expected in the resource sector in the latter half of this decade. Combined with a positive natural increase (i.e. the excess of births over deaths), the population should grow modestly over the projection period.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							House-holds	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	3.7	10.4	4.8	9.9	4.9	1.3	35.0	9.7	0.723	0.067	0.790	1976
1981	4.5	10.6	6.2	13.0	5.5	1.6	41.4	12.5	0.613	0.066	0.678	1981
1986	4.2	10.1	4.7	13.8	6.1	2.0	41.0	13.1	0.583	0.080	0.662	1986
1991	3.8	10.1	4.2	14.3	6.9	2.4	41.6	13.8	0.547	0.094	0.641	1991
1996	3.8	10.2	4.6	14.9	8.4	3.0	44.8	15.4	0.499	0.109	0.608	1996
2001	3.1	9.6	4.3	13.8	10.0	3.4	44.3	16.3	0.455	0.122	0.577	2001
2006	2.9	9.0	4.9	13.0	12.2	4.2	46.2	17.1	0.393	0.141	0.534	2006
2011	3.0	8.1	4.9	13.1	13.9	5.3	48.3	18.8	0.348	0.165	0.513	2011
2016	3.0	7.8	4.6	13.7	14.5	6.6	50.2	20.3	0.330	0.203	0.533	2016
2021	2.9	7.9	4.0	14.3	14.4	8.4	52.0	21.5	0.333	0.258	0.592	2021
2026	2.8	8.0	3.9	14.4	13.8	10.3	53.2	22.3	0.334	0.321	0.656	2026
2031	2.6	7.7	4.1	13.7	14.0	11.8	53.9	23.1	0.327	0.374	0.701	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

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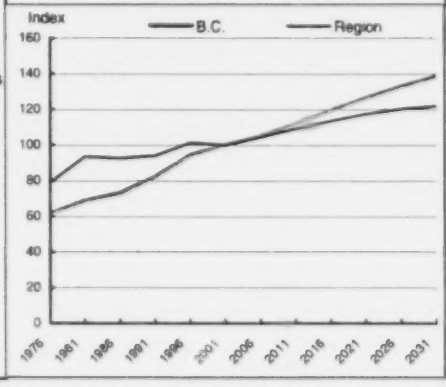

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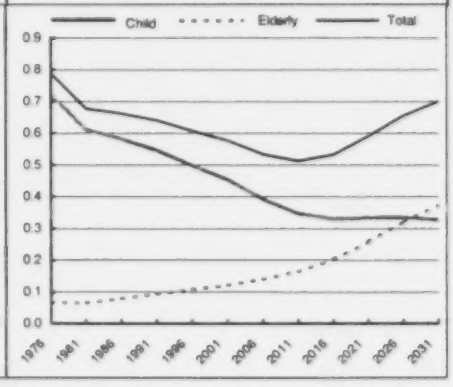

Source: Population data are Projection P-28, run in Summer 2003. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

Northeast
Development Region

1 General Economy

Regional Districts in Development Region: Peace River, Northern Rockies

The AAC has been increased to address beetle infestation. The refurbished Tembec pulp mill will likely attract some people to the Chetwynd area. The OSB plant in LHA 81 is being postponed but indications are that it will go ahead in the next few years. Bullmoose will likely be depleted in the spring of 2003 but other mines, Wolverine & Brazion, providing approximately 450 jobs will likely go into production in the next few years. Gas exploration continues in the Northeast with discoveries still being made. High demand and diminishing supplies will likely initiate the building of a gas pipeline from Prudoe Bay which may follow the Mackenzie Valley into Alberta or perhaps may follow the Alaska Highway through northeast BC. There are several small pipelines either under construction. Rising prices for electricity have initiated new and upgraded generation facilities throughout the province. The break up of BC hydro is of concern to the people in the north as energy requirements are high. The Site C dam may be required to meet growing demand for electricity which will likely exceed supply by 2010. This project currently seems to be unlikely given the emphasis on 'small foot print' projects.

While the rest of western Canada has suffered from drought, the Northeast has had continued good production and benefited from a rise in prices. Tourism activity has been increasing in recent years and efforts are being made to more effectively divert travelers destined to the Yukon and Alaska.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P28 completed in the Summer of 2003. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2002

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Northeast							British Columbia	
		Firms with	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
		No Employees	Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	3,149	2,815	266	113	14	3,208	100.0%	100.0%	157,421
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	780	287	14	0	0	301	9.4%	5.7%	9,047
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	179	219	24	9	1	253	7.9%	0.5%	778
22	Utilities	-	7	0	0	0	7	0.2%	0.1%	154
23	Construction	419	351	36	24	2	413	12.9%	10.7%	16,879
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	77	74	3	8	4	89	2.8%	5.6%	8,797
41	Wholesale Trade	70	122	16	2	0	140	4.4%	6.5%	10,253
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	154	253	32	15	0	300	9.4%	11.3%	17,808
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	356	303	13	8	1	325	10.1%	4.6%	7,319
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	10	30	3	1	0	34	1.1%	1.6%	2,484
52	Finance & Insurance	63	36	11	0	0	47	1.5%	3.4%	5,304
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	230	85	9	6	0	100	3.1%	4.5%	7,019
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	214	228	13	1	0	242	7.5%	11.3%	17,711
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	70	19	0	1	0	20	0.6%	2.1%	3,267
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	119	129	8	0	0	137	4.3%	4.8%	7,564
61	Educational Services	11	18	1	0	4	23	0.7%	1.2%	1,820
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	21	145	17	9	2	173	5.4%	8.6%	13,571
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	28	53	2	0	0	55	1.7%	1.8%	2,808
72	Accom. & Food Services	76	131	43	22	0	196	6.1%	7.3%	11,558
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	272	320	15	2	0	337	10.5%	7.9%	12,476
91	Public Administration	-	5	6	5	0	16	0.5%	0.5%	804

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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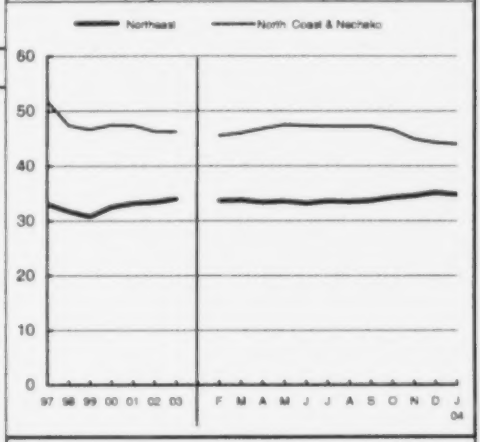
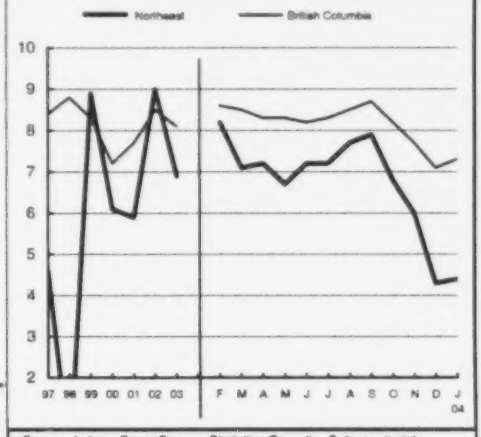
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Northeast		North Coast & Nechako		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %
	1994	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,754.0	9.0
	1995	32.7	6.6	49.1	8.2	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	32.4	7.2	51.9	7.5	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	33.1	4.6	51.8	9.1	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	31.7	NA	47.4	9.5	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	30.8	8.9	46.7	8.8	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	32.5	6.1	47.5	10.2	1,949.1	7.2
	2001	33.2	5.9	47.4	10.9	1,942.4	7.7
	2002	33.4	9.0	46.3	12.6	1,973.4	8.5
	2003	34.0	6.9	46.2	11.5	2,023.3	8.1
2003	Jan	33.6	8.9	45.1	11.7	1,969.8	8.5
	Feb	33.7	8.2	45.5	11.3	1,964.3	8.6
	Mar	33.8	7.1	46.0	11.4	1,971.3	8.5
	Apr	33.4	7.2	46.8	10.9	1,987.8	8.3
	May	33.6	6.7	47.5	11.2	2,002.6	8.3
	Jun	33.2	7.2	47.3	10.9	2,017.3	8.2
	Jul	33.6	7.2	47.2	11.6	2,038.0	8.3
	Aug	33.5	7.7	47.2	12.1	2,052.7	8.5
	Sep	33.7	7.9	47.2	11.4	2,050.9	8.7
	Oct	34.3	6.8	46.6	10.6	2,051.6	8.2
	Nov	34.6	6.0	44.9	10.6	2,045.5	7.7
	Dec	35.2	4.3	44.3	12.5	2,053.8	7.1
2004	Jan	34.8	4.4	44.0	13.8	2,042.9	7.3
	Feb						
	Mar						
	Apr						
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Jan03	32.4	3.0	48.6	11.6	1,900.6	7.9
	Jan-Jan04	31.3	10.8	44.5	14.5	1,899.6	9.6
	% Change	-3.4		-8.4		-0.1	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



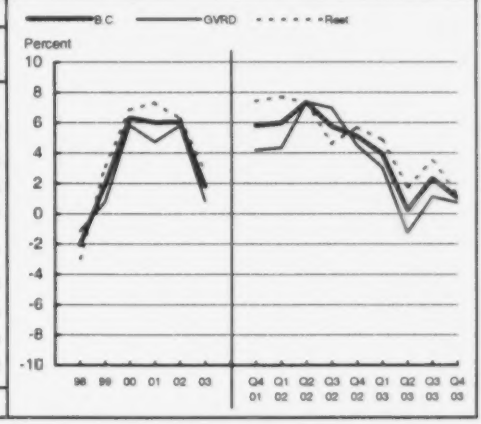
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
	2002	40,272.6	19,996.5	20,276.1	6.0	5.8	6.3
	2003	40,998.1	20,161.5	20,836.6	1.8	0.8	2.8
Quarterly data	02 4	10,746.4	5,282.7	5,463.7	5.1	4.5	5.7
	03 1	9,183.5	4,597.1	4,586.4	3.9	3.0	4.8
	03 2	10,405.9	5,160.5	5,245.4	0.2	-1.3	1.8
	03 3	10,549.5	5,081.9	5,467.6	2.3	1.1	3.5
	03 4	10,859.2	5,322.0	5,537.2	1.0	0.7	1.3

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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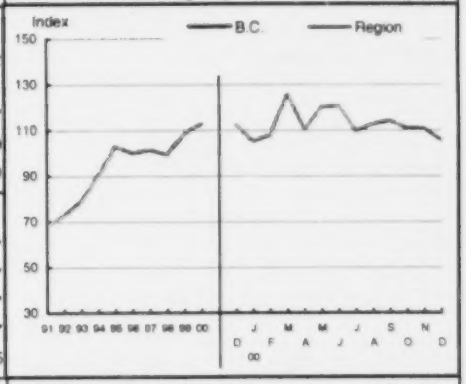
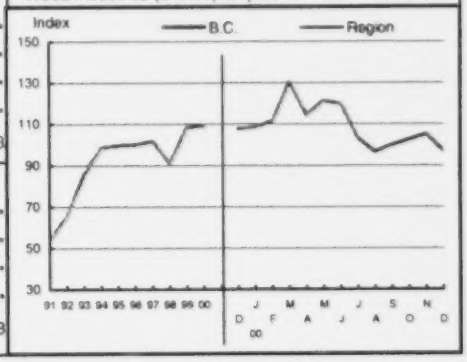
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	3	3	2	2	2
25	Wood	11	10	10	10	11
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	7	6	7	7	7
30	Metal Fabricating	9	9	9	9	9
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	39	38	40	41	40
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	8.5	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	624.5
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	42	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	2,213
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	1.2	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	113.8

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

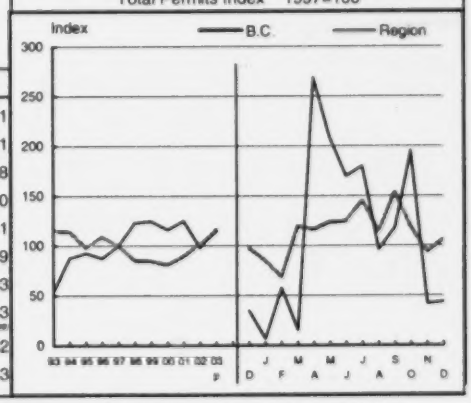


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Comm-ercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential: Units
	<-- $ Millions -->						
1996	41.7	22.2	2.7	108.6	2.5	19.5	131
1997	47.6	20.4	0.3	116.3	0.9	27.2	231
1998	58.7	26.8	2.5	117.5	1.8	31.9	308
1999	59.4	30.4	5.0	224.2	3.3	29.0	330
2000	55.2	27.5	3.3	124.1	3.5	27.8	241
2001	59.5	34.3	1.7	165.6	16.6	25.2	189
2002	46.7	26.0	5.0	176.9	1.5	20.7	133
2003 p	55.6	28.0	6.8	226.6	1.3	27.6	253
YTD Dec '02	43.3	22.7	5.0	176.9	1.4	20.6	132
YTD Dec '03	55.6	28.0	6.8	226.6	1.3	27.6	253

Total Permits Index 1997=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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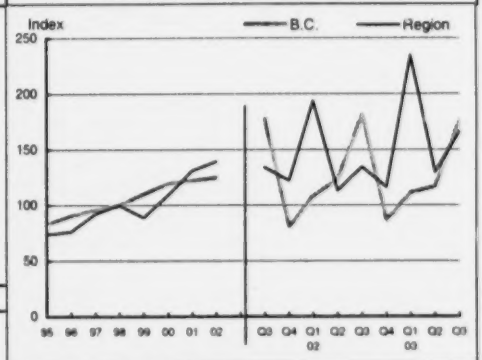
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Northeast Dev. Region	1999	24,183.0	6,912.7	4,578.2	6,723.1	5,969.0
	2000	29,616.9	9,326.6	5,265.8	7,812.5	7,211.9
	2001	35,652.9	10,976.1	7,252.7	9,111.8	8,312.3
	2002	37,904.2	13,153.3	7,696.9	9,143.1	7,910.9
	2003	36,041.2	15,934.8	8,830.6	11,275.8	
British Columbia	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,219,898.9	335,825.8	352,914.7	531,158.4	

Northeast 2002 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	37,904.2	100.0%
Hotels	17,178.8	45.3%
Motels	9,223.9	24.3%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

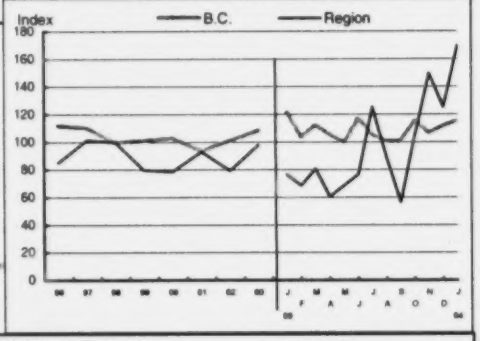


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1996	253
1997	302
1998	297
1999	237
2000	234
2001	277
2002	236
2003	291
Jan-Jan 03	17
Jan-Jan 04	33

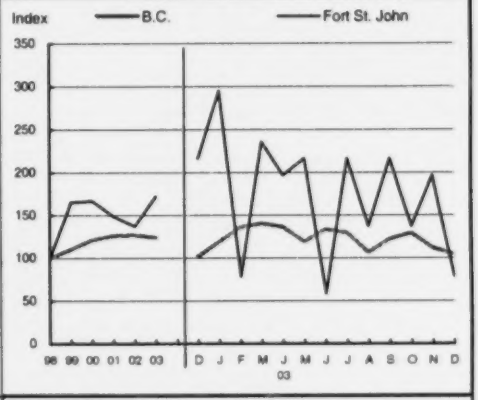
Incorporations Index 1998=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1998=100
Total = Consumer + Business



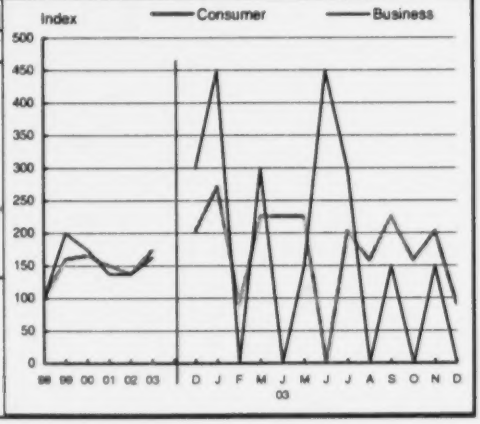
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Fort St. John Consumer	Fort St. John Business	Dawson Creek Consumer	Dawson Creek Business	B.C. Consumer	B.C. Business
1999	85	16	21	3	8,181	1,077
2000	88	14	30	3	9,184	980
2001	80	11	31	7	9,476	1,101
2002	73	11	32	6	9,531	1,107
2003	92	13	27	7	9,385	1,002
Jan-Dec 02	73	11	32	6	9,531	1,107
Jan-Dec 03	92	13	27	7	9,385	1,002

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Fort St. John Indices 1998=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

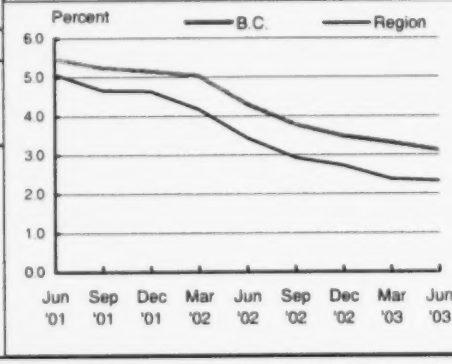
(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women Tot. Female 19-64
Northeast Dev. Region	Mar '01	4.6	6.1	6.5	3.6	2.7
	Jun '01	5.1	6.5	7.1	4.2	2.8
	Sep '01	4.7	6.2	6.2	3.7	2.8
	Dec '01	4.6	5.9	6.6	3.7	2.6
	Mar '02	4.2	5.5	5.4	3.3	2.4
	Jun '02	3.4	4.6	4.1	2.7	2.1
	Sep '02	2.9	4.0	3.3	2.3	1.8
	Dec '02	2.7	3.7	2.7	2.2	1.7
	Mar '03	2.4	3.2	2.6	1.9	1.4
	Jun '03	2.3	3.1	2.2	1.9	1.4

Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of June '03)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	1,373	110,570
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	52.7	39.6
1-2 Years	14.0	14.7
>2 Years	33.3	45.7

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996.

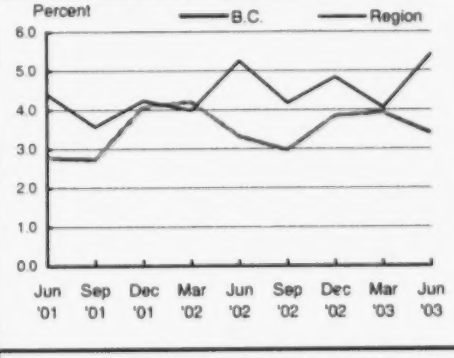
- Data too small to release.

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64	
3.5	3.7	3.5	2.9	Mar '01
4.4	4.7	4.5	3.4	Jun '01
3.6	3.8	3.7	2.8	Sep '01
4.2	5.3	4.2	3.0	Dec '01
4.0	5.2	4.0	2.5	Mar '02
5.3	6.5	5.4	3.1	Jun '02
4.2	4.7	4.3	2.7	Sep '02
4.8	5.9	4.9	3.1	Dec '02
4.1	5.1	4.1	2.5	Mar '03
5.4	6.5	5.5	4.0	Jun '03

EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



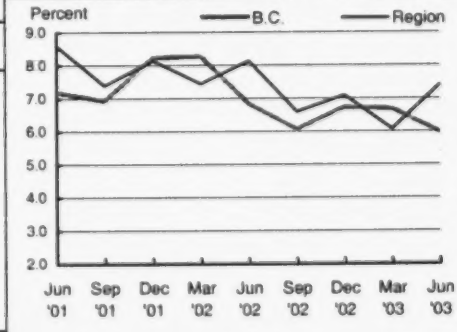
Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64
Northeast Dev. Region	Jun '01	8.6	11.5	8.4	6.4
	Sep '01	7.4	9.7	7.3	5.5
	Dec '01	8.1	11.7	7.8	6.0
	Mar '02	7.4	10.2	7.3	5.4
	Jun '02	8.1	10.6	8.1	5.6
	Sep '02	6.6	7.9	6.6	5.0
	Dec '02	7.1	8.6	7.1	5.3
	Mar '03	6.1	7.7	6.0	4.6
	Jun '03	7.4	8.7	7.4	6.0

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

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13 Demographics

The remoteness of the area is probably the reason for a median age that is substantially lower than the provincial median. The total fertility rate is also much higher than the provincial rate, which also contributes to a younger age structure. The ratio of children (aged 17 and under) to working age population (aged 18 to 64) is much higher than the corresponding provincial ratio. Conversely, the ratio of elderly (aged 65 and over) to working age population is lower than the provincial ratio. Due to the dependence on the male-dominated resource industries, the gender ratio is heavily weighted in favour of males, in contrast to the province as a whole, which has more females than males.

14 Projection

The developments in the mining, oil and gas sector should result in overall population inflows for this region. There is a lot of growth potential due to the abundance of natural resources located in the area and this should translate into strong population growth over the long-term. However, there will be some outflows in the short-term due to the layoffs in forestry and mines.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

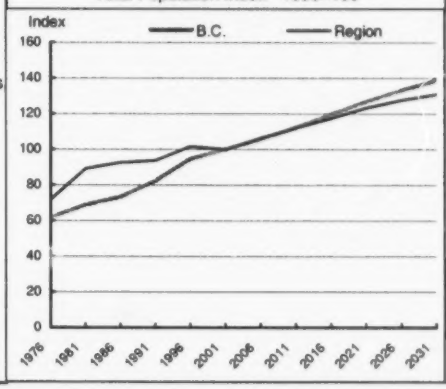
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							House-holds	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	4.5	13.9	6.2	12.8	6.6	2.1	46.0	12.9	0.719	0.081	0.799	1976
1981	5.7	14.0	9.6	17.7	7.8	2.4	57.1	17.8	0.560	0.069	0.628	1981
1986	6.0	13.5	7.6	20.4	8.9	2.8	59.2	20.1	0.528	0.077	0.605	1986
1991	5.6	13.4	6.5	21.3	9.8	3.5	60.0	20.8	0.507	0.093	0.600	1991
1996	5.6	14.3	6.7	22.9	11.4	4.0	65.0	22.6	0.486	0.097	0.583	1996
2001	4.6	13.6	6.7	21.3	13.2	4.6	64.0	23.9	0.442	0.112	0.554	2001
2006	4.2	13.3	7.2	21.2	16.6	5.6	68.1	25.4	0.390	0.126	0.516	2006
2011	4.2	12.3	7.3	21.3	19.6	6.9	71.7	28.0	0.344	0.143	0.487	2011
2016	4.3	11.6	7.2	21.9	21.3	8.8	75.1	30.6	0.317	0.174	0.491	2016
2021	4.4	11.7	6.6	23.0	22.1	11.1	78.9	32.9	0.313	0.215	0.528	2021
2026	4.3	11.9	6.3	23.4	21.9	13.8	81.6	34.5	0.315	0.267	0.582	2026
2031	4.2	12.0	6.4	22.9	22.1	16.3	83.8	35.9	0.315	0.318	0.633	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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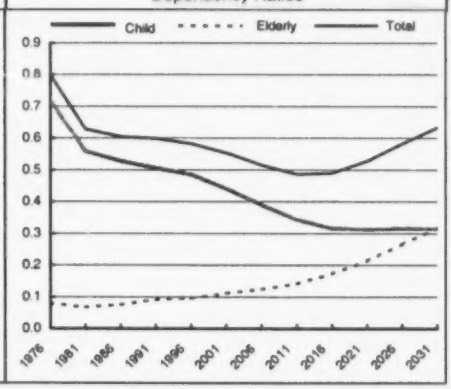

Source: Population data are Projection P-28, run in Summer 2003. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

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1 **General Economy**

Municipalities in Regional District: Port Alberni, Tofino, Ucluelet

The AAC has been reduced and employment in the forestry industry has dropped rapidly over the last ten years. Currently, value added products to the US are suffering from trade restriction while raw logs exports climb rapidly entering the US duty free. The main port in the area, Port Alberni has been particularly hard hit by the reduction in the AAC and trade restrictions. The sports fishery has also declined while tourists by-pass Port alberni and travel to the west coast communities of Tofino and Ucluelet to engage in alternative outdoor activities.

Mining of aggregates will likely go ahead resulting in some increased employment

Fish farming, both shell and fin fish are preparing to expand but regulatory issues are still being worked out. The wild fishery caught large volumes of salmon this year, but employment will likely continue to drop as stocks are exhausted and farming moves in.

On the horizon, off-shore oil may become an important activity as well as water export however these events are not factored into the projection.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P28 completed in the Summer of 2003. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 **Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2002**

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Alberni-Clayoquot							British Columbia	
		Firms with	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
		No Em-ployees	Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	776	1,020	76	44	7	1,147	100.0%	100.0%	157,421
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	89	87	8	5	2	102	8.9%	5.7%	9,047
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	1	1	0	0	0	1	0.1%	0.5%	778
22	Utilities	-	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.1%	154
23	Construction	126	96	4	0	0	100	8.7%	10.7%	16,879
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	29	33	5	6	3	47	4.1%	5.6%	8,797
41	Wholesale Trade	19	32	1	2	0	35	3.1%	6.5%	10,253
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	75	151	7	4	0	162	14.1%	11.3%	17,808
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	67	65	2	2	0	69	6.0%	4.6%	7,319
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	3	8	1	0	0	9	0.8%	1.6%	2,484
52	Finance & Insurance	22	23	3	0	0	26	2.3%	3.4%	5,304
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	80	35	0	0	0	35	3.1%	4.5%	7,019
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	60	65	0	0	0	65	5.7%	11.3%	17,711
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	40	13	1	0	0	14	1.2%	2.1%	3,267
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	29	49	3	2	0	54	4.7%	4.8%	7,564
61	Educational Services	7	12	0	1	1	14	1.2%	1.2%	1,820
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	9	100	4	6	1	111	9.7%	8.6%	13,571
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	17	25	1	2	0	28	2.4%	1.8%	2,808
72	Accom. & Food Services	50	104	27	12	0	143	12.5%	7.3%	11,558
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	53	111	1	0	0	112	9.8%	7.9%	12,476
91	Public Administration	-	10	8	2	0	20	1.7%	0.5%	804

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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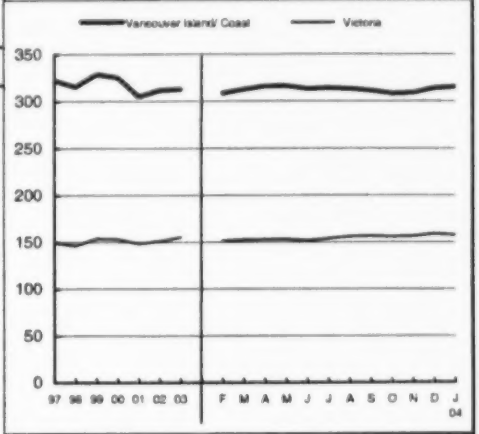
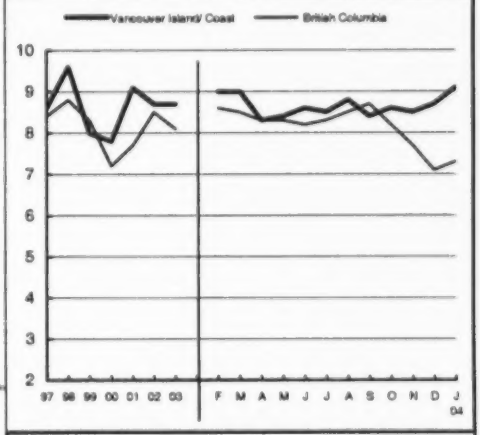
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Vancouver Island/ Coast		Victoria		British Columbia	
		Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
	1994	0.0	0.0	144.3	7.1	1,754.0	9.0
	1995	309.9	9.2	143.1	8.4	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	309.8	9.4	143.5	8.5	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	322.7	8.6	149.8	7.5	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	315.7	9.6	146.6	8.7	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	329.1	8.0	154.2	6.7	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	325.8	7.8	153.6	6.7	1,949.1	7.2
	2001	305.3	9.1	148.9	6.1	1,942.4	7.7
	2002	311.9	8.7	151.2	7.1	1,973.4	8.5
	2003	313.1	8.7	155.2	6.1	2,023.3	8.1
2003	Jan	305.1	9.1	150.1	6.5	1,969.8	8.5
	Feb	308.7	9.0	151.5	6.4	1,964.3	8.6
	Mar	313.0	9.0	152.8	6.0	1,971.3	8.5
	Apr	316.3	8.3	153.2	5.8	1,987.8	8.3
	May	316.5	8.4	153.4	6.2	2,002.6	8.3
	Jun	313.6	8.6	152.0	7.1	2,017.3	8.2
	Jul	314.4	8.5	154.2	7.2	2,038.0	8.3
	Aug	313.5	8.8	156.2	7.2	2,052.7	8.5
	Sep	311.7	8.4	156.9	6.8	2,050.9	8.7
	Oct	308.6	8.6	156.1	6.5	2,051.6	8.2
	Nov	309.0	8.5	156.7	5.5	2,045.5	7.7
	Dec	314.1	8.7	159.2	4.7	2,053.8	7.1
2004	Jan	315.3	9.1	157.9	5.2	2,042.9	7.3
	Feb						
	Mar						
	Apr						
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Jan03	291.3	9.5	143.8	7.1	1,900.6	7.9
	Jan-Jan04	305.2	11.2	151.2	8.0	1,899.6	9.6
	% Change	4.8		5.1		-0.1	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



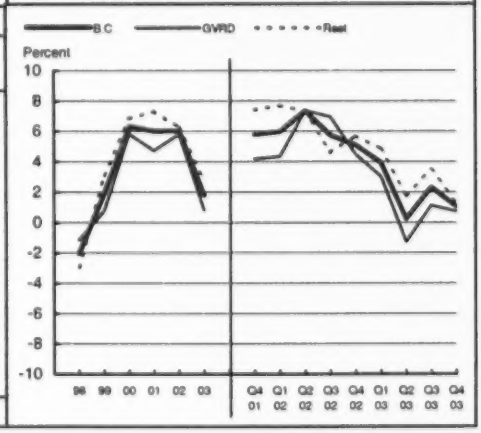
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
Annual	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
data	2002	40,272.6	19,996.5	20,276.1	6.0	5.8	6.3
	2003	40,998.1	20,161.5	20,836.6	1.8	0.8	2.8
	02 4	10,746.4	5,282.7	5,463.7	5.1	4.5	5.7
Quarterly	03 1	9,183.5	4,597.1	4,586.4	3.9	3.0	4.8
data	03 2	10,405.9	5,160.5	5,245.4	0.2	-1.3	1.8
	03 3	10,549.5	5,081.9	5,467.6	2.3	1.1	3.5
	03 4	10,859.2	5,322.0	5,537.2	1.0	0.7	1.3

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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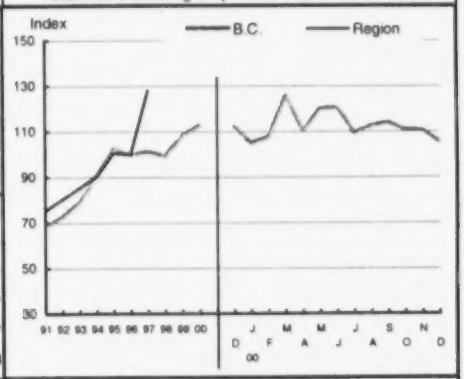
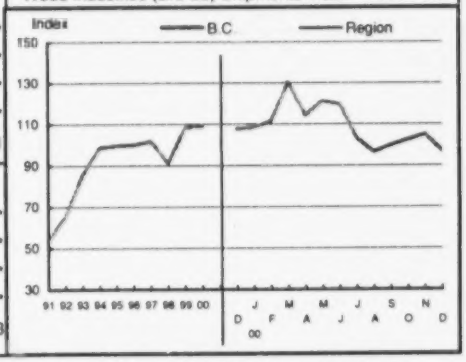
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	1	1	1	1	3
25	Wood	5	5	5	6	7
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	3	4	4	5	6
30	Metal Fabricating	5	5	7	7	7
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	20	20	21	22	26
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	276.5	301.1	260.0	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	492.0	548.1	544.7	696.8
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	1,053	1,019	1,016	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	2,092	2,115	2,093	2,431
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	50.0	51.9	51.6	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	99.1	107.9	111.0	113.8

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

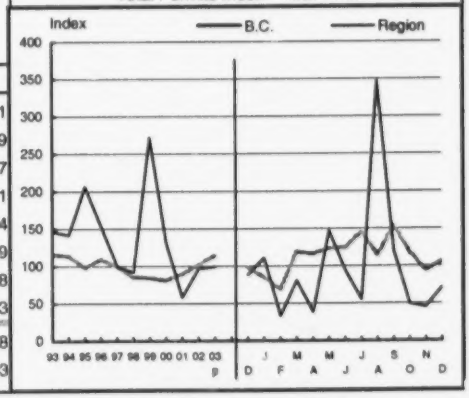


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Comm-ercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential: Units
	<-- $ Millions -->						
1996	34.2	8.0	-	34.2	1.8	26.2	251
1997	22.2	6.5	0.5	22.2	0.5	15.6	139
1998	20.4	9.8	0.2	20.4	3.5	10.6	97
1999	60.3	49.2	0.7	60.3	44.3	11.1	91
2000	29.0	19.5	4.6	29.0	3.7	9.6	74
2001	13.0	6.0	0.4	13.0	2.0	7.0	39
2002	21.5	10.0	0.6	21.5	1.3	11.4	88
2003 p	22.1	9.2	1.0	22.1	0.5	12.9	83
YTD Dec '02	21.5	10.0	0.6	21.5	1.3	11.4	88
YTD Dec '03	22.1	9.2	1.0	22.1	0.5	12.9	83

Total Permits Index 1997=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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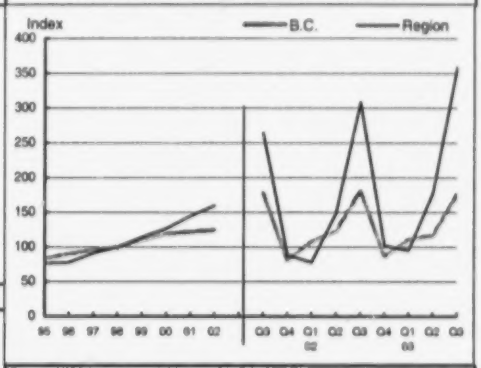
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District	1999	21,138.9	2,671.2	5,086.5	10,187.3	3,194.0
	2000	23,504.5	2,903.5	5,877.7	11,112.7	3,610.7
	2001	26,862.1	3,306.5	7,166.4	12,245.6	4,143.6
	2002	29,557.6	3,620.1	6,911.0	14,277.9	4,748.7
	2003	29,235.0	4,407.8	8,219.3	16,607.9	
British Columbia	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,219,898.9	335,825.8	352,914.7	531,158.4	

Alberni-Clayoquot 2002 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	29,554.0	100.0%
Hotels	7,190.6	24.3%
Motels	3,635.4	12.3%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

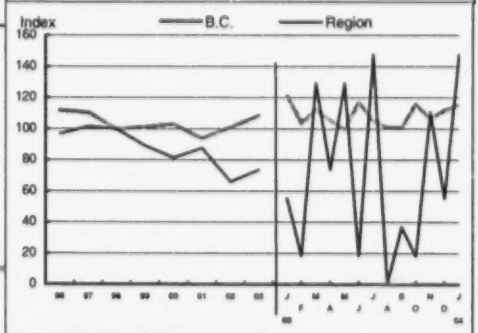


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1996	63
1997	66
1998	65
1999	58
2000	53
2001	57
2002	43
2003	48
Jan-Jan 03	1
Jan-Jan 04	6

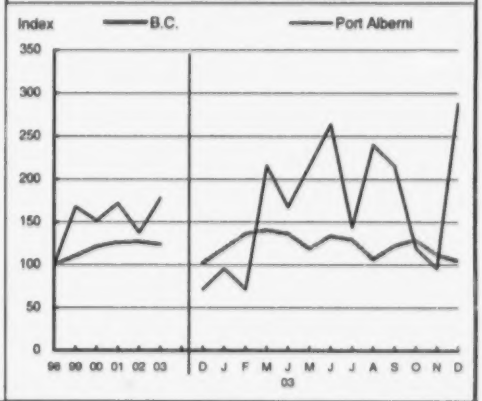
Incorporations Index 1998=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1998=100
Total = Consumer + Business



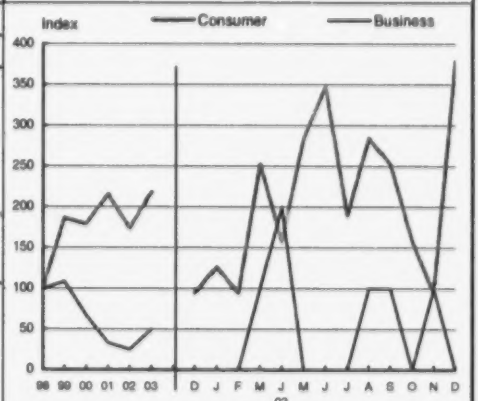
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

	Port Alberni		Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
Year	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1999	71	13	854	170	8,181	1,077
2000	68	8	983	148	9,184	980
2001	82	4	1,187	187	9,476	1,101
2002	66	3	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
2003	83	6	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
Jan-Dec 02	66	3	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
Jan-Dec 03	83	6	1,186	173	9,385	1,002

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Port Alberni Indices 1998=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

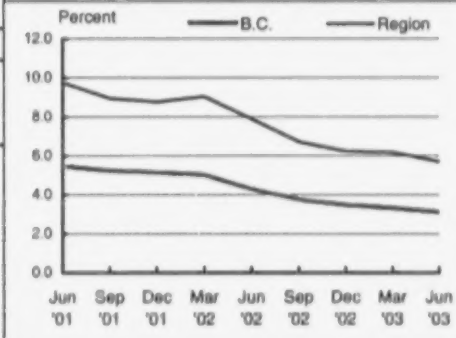
(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women	
Subject Group (receiving benefits)							
Reference Group		Total Pop. 0-64	Total Pop. <19	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64	
Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District	Mar '01	9.4	13.3	13.5	8.1	4.3	Mar '01
	Jun '01	9.8	14.3	14.7	8.1	4.4	Jun '01
	Sep '01	9.0	13.3	12.9	7.3	4.1	Sep '01
	Dec '01	8.8	12.7	13.7	7.2	4.1	Dec '01
	Mar '02	9.0	13.3	13.7	7.6	4.2	Mar '02
	Jun '02	7.9	11.9	10.8	6.6	3.8	Jun '02
	Sep '02	6.7	10.4	8.5	5.5	3.5	Sep '02
	Dec '02	6.2	9.1	7.2	5.5	2.9	Dec '02
	Mar '03	6.2	9.1	7.2	5.4	2.8	Mar '03
	Jun '03	5.7	8.6	6.7	5.0	2.7	Jun '03

Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of June '03)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	1,462	110,570
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	40.0	39.6
1-2 Years	16.2	14.7
>2 Years	43.8	45.7

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



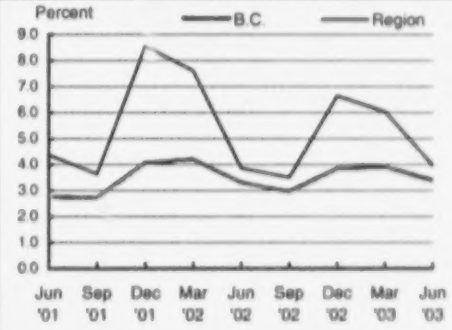
Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

		Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
Subject Group (receiving benefits)						
Reference Group		Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64	
Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District	Mar '01	5.3	6.9	5.9	2.1	Mar '01
	Jun '01	4.4	5.2	5.0	1.4	Jun '01
	Sep '01	3.6	3.9	4.3	1.1	Sep '01
	Dec '01	8.6	8.8	9.8	3.4	Dec '01
	Mar '02	7.6	8.3	8.7	3.0	Mar '02
	Jun '02	3.9	4.8	4.3	1.6	Jun '02
	Sep '02	3.5	4.1	4.0	1.4	Sep '02
	Dec '02	6.6	7.8	7.4	3.3	Dec '02
	Mar '03	6.0	6.8	6.7	3.1	Mar '03
	Jun '03	4.0	4.9	4.4	1.6	Jun '03

EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



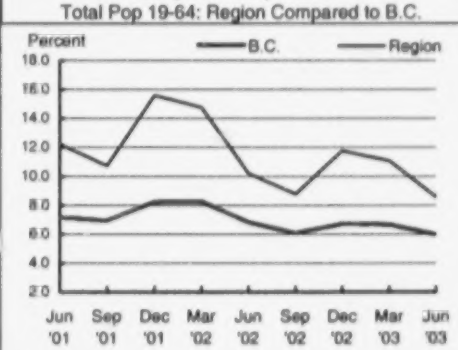
Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
Subject Group (receiving assistance)					
Reference Group		Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64
Alberni-Clayoquot Regional District	Jun '01	12.2	19.7	12.9	4.8
	Sep '01	10.7	16.3	11.4	4.6
	Dec '01	15.6	22.0	16.8	6.8
	Mar '02	14.8	21.4	16.0	6.1
	Jun '02	10.2	15.5	10.8	4.6
	Sep '02	8.8	12.5	9.3	4.4
	Dec '02	11.8	14.9	12.8	6.1
	Mar '03	11.1	14.0	12.0	5.9
	Jun '03	8.6	11.5	9.3	3.9

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

Alberni-Clayoquot
Regional District

13 Demographics

This region has generally been a net loser of migrants and the trend is expected to continue as the economy is transformed from resource-based industries to more service-oriented industries. The gender ratio for this region is weighted in favour of males, in contrast to the province as a whole, which has more females than males. This is likely due to the nature of the economy and the dependence on resource-based employment, which tends to be male-dominated. The proportion of elderly people (over 65 years of age) has been gradually increasing while the proportion of children (those under 18 years of age) has been decreasing.

14 Projection

It is projected that the traditional net migration outflows for this area will continue for the short-term, due to constraints in the resource sectors. Although there are plans to further develop the tourist industry and to attract more retirees to the region, the number of jobs in the service sector supported by these activities is less than those supported by the forest sector. This means that it will take more than one tourism job to achieve the same spin-off benefits of one forest job. Low overall net migration combined with an increase in deaths will likely result in a modest decline in population for the area.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

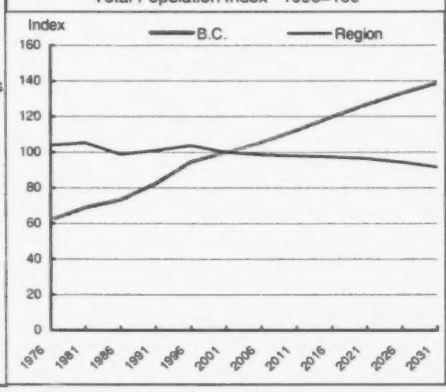
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							House-holds	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	2.8	8.9	4.6	9.1	5.8	1.8	33.0	10.0	0.598	0.091	0.689	1976
1981	2.7	7.7	4.7	10.0	6.0	2.2	33.4	11.1	0.504	0.106	0.609	1981
1986	2.4	6.7	3.3	9.8	6.2	2.8	31.4	11.4	0.471	0.147	0.617	1986
1991	2.4	6.5	3.0	10.2	6.7	3.3	32.0	11.9	0.443	0.164	0.608	1991
1996	2.2	6.4	3.0	9.9	7.6	3.8	32.9	12.7	0.418	0.184	0.602	1996
2001	1.6	5.8	2.7	8.6	8.7	4.3	31.7	13.2	0.368	0.214	0.582	2001
2006	1.4	5.0	2.8	7.7	9.5	4.8	31.2	13.3	0.321	0.239	0.560	2006
2011	1.4	4.3	2.8	7.3	9.9	5.4	31.1	13.9	0.282	0.269	0.551	2011
2016	1.4	3.7	2.7	7.3	9.5	6.3	30.9	14.4	0.263	0.325	0.588	2016
2021	1.4	3.7	2.1	7.6	8.5	7.3	30.6	14.5	0.276	0.403	0.679	2021
2026	1.3	3.6	1.9	7.5	7.6	8.1	30.0	14.3	0.286	0.480	0.766	2026
2031	1.1	3.4	1.9	6.9	7.2	8.5	29.1	14.0	0.286	0.534	0.820	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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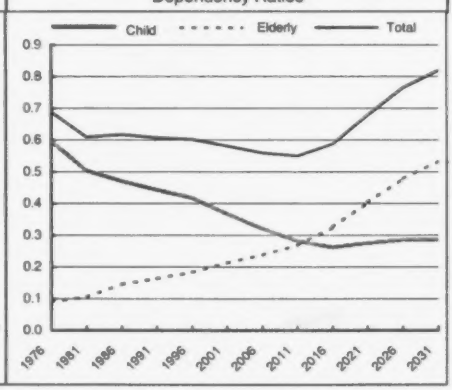

Source: Population data are Projection P-28, run in Summer 2003. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

Bulkley-Nechako
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Burns Lake, Fort St. James, Fraser Lake, Granisle, Houston, Smithers, Telkwa, Vanderhoof

Forestry, tourism, mining and agriculture are the main economic drivers for this region. The agriculture industry in this region consists mainly of grain production. There are currently two major mines operating in the area (Endako Molybdenum Mine and Huckleberry Copper Mine). Smithers is also one of the major supply and service points for mineral exploration and development in northern British Columbia and miners working in fly-in operations are often based there.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P28 completed in the Summer of 2003. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2002

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Bulkley-Nechako							British Columbia	
		Firms with	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
		No Employees	Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	1,710	1,825	134	46	13	2,018	100.0%	100.0%	157,421
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	494	435	38	6	0	479	23.7%	5.7%	9,047
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	11	7	2	2	1	12	0.6%	0.5%	778
22	Utilities	1	3	1	0	0	4	0.2%	0.1%	154
23	Construction	211	206	8	4	0	218	10.8%	10.7%	16,879
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	55	61	7	8	7	83	4.1%	5.6%	8,797
41	Wholesale Trade	47	54	3	0	0	57	2.8%	6.5%	10,253
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	116	176	23	6	0	205	10.2%	11.3%	17,808
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	168	157	3	4	2	166	8.2%	4.6%	7,319
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	11	22	0	0	0	22	1.1%	1.6%	2,484
52	Finance & Insurance	39	23	2	1	0	26	1.3%	3.4%	5,304
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	131	51	1	2	0	54	2.7%	4.5%	7,019
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	119	124	5	0	0	129	6.4%	11.3%	17,711
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	55	22	1	1	0	24	1.2%	2.1%	3,267
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	50	50	1	0	0	51	2.5%	4.8%	7,564
61	Educational Services	6	15	1	0	2	18	0.9%	1.2%	1,820
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	9	89	9	5	1	104	5.2%	8.6%	13,571
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	22	35	2	1	0	38	1.9%	1.8%	2,808
72	Accom. & Food Services	62	130	18	3	0	151	7.5%	7.3%	11,558
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	103	146	4	1	0	151	7.5%	7.9%	12,476
91	Public Administration	-	19	5	2	0	26	1.3%	0.5%	804

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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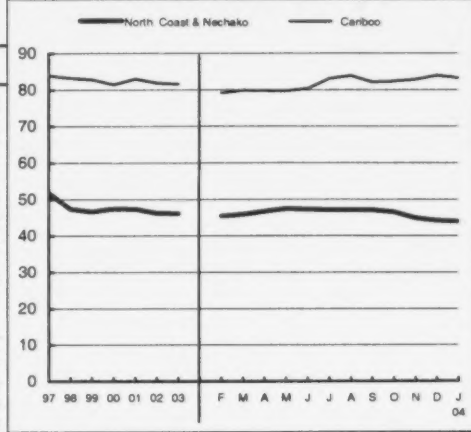
Regional District

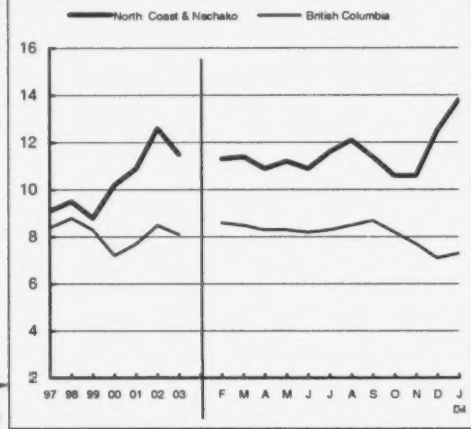
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		North Coast & Nechako		Cariboo		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %
	1994	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,754.0	9.0
	1995	49.1	8.2	80.4	9.7	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	51.9	7.5	86.8	8.6	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	51.8	9.1	84.0	9.8	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	47.4	9.5	83.3	14.5	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	46.7	8.8	82.9	11.6	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	47.5	10.2	81.5	9.9	1,949.1	7.2
	2001	47.4	10.9	83.0	9.7	1,942.4	7.7
	2002	46.3	12.6	81.9	12.6	1,973.4	8.5
	2003	46.2	11.5	81.6	11.2	2,023.3	8.1
2003	Jan	45.1	11.7	78.4	13.1	1,969.8	8.5
	Feb	45.5	11.3	79.2	13.0	1,964.3	8.6
	Mar	46.0	11.4	79.9	12.8	1,971.3	8.5
	Apr	46.8	10.9	79.8	12.5	1,987.8	8.3
	May	47.5	11.2	79.7	12.6	2,002.6	8.3
	Jun	47.3	10.9	80.4	13.0	2,017.3	8.2
	Jul	47.2	11.6	83.1	12.1	2,038.0	8.3
	Aug	47.2	12.1	83.9	10.8	2,052.7	8.5
	Sep	47.2	11.4	82.1	10.4	2,050.9	8.7
	Oct	46.6	10.6	82.4	9.8	2,051.6	8.2
	Nov	44.9	10.6	82.9	9.5	2,045.5	7.7
	Dec	44.3	12.5	84.0	8.8	2,053.8	7.1
2004	Jan	44.0	13.8	83.3	9.8	2,042.9	7.3
	Feb						
	Mar						
	Apr						
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Jan03	48.6	11.6	82.4	10.3	1,900.6	7.9
	Jan-Jan04	44.5	14.5	82.5	14.0	1,899.6	9.6
	% Change	-8.4		0.1		-0.1	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



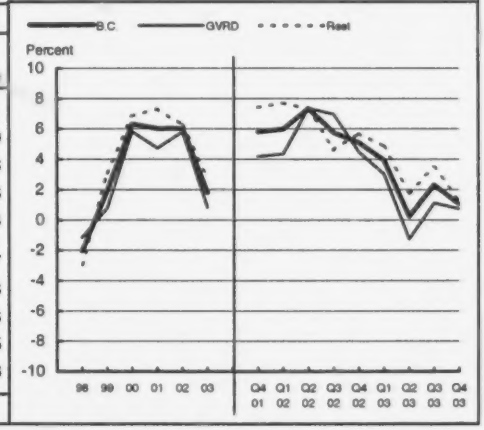
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
	2002	40,272.6	19,996.5	20,276.1	6.0	5.8	6.3
	2003	40,998.1	20,161.5	20,836.6	1.8	0.8	2.8
Quarterly data	02 4	10,746.4	5,282.7	5,463.7	5.1	4.5	5.7
	03 1	9,183.5	4,597.1	4,586.4	3.9	3.0	4.8
	03 2	10,405.9	5,160.5	5,245.4	0.2	-1.3	1.8
	03 3	10,549.5	5,081.9	5,467.6	2.3	1.1	3.5
	03 4	10,859.2	5,322.0	5,537.2	1.0	0.7	1.3

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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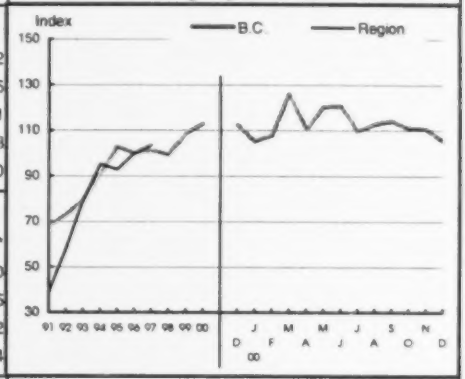
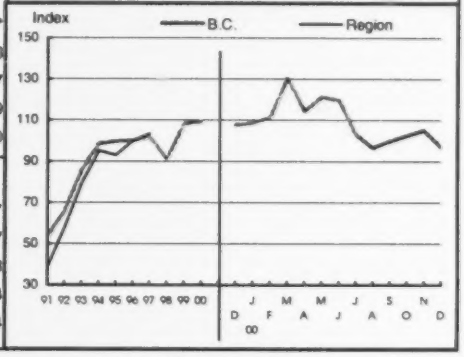
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	3	2	2	1	2
25	Wood	21	23	24	27	25
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	19	20	21	23	21
30	Metal Fabricating	2	2	2	4	3
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	34	36	38	42	40
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	879.0	1,054.8	1,031.9	1,108.4	1,148.0
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	1,098.2	1,142.5
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	6.2	4.2
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	899.0	1,079.5	1,051.7	1,132.7	1,173.4
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	2,672	2,790	2,795	2,652	2,693
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	2,562	2,647
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	64	39
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	2,854	3,021	2,996	2,881	2,920
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	121.1	127.6	132.6	126.7	128.7
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	123.5	127.3
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	2.0	1.4
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	135.0	139.5	134.2	136.4

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

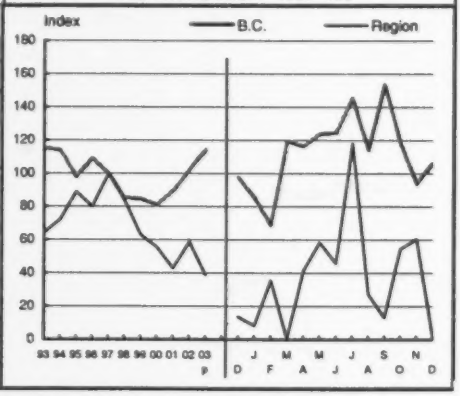


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Commercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential: Units
	<-- $ Millions -->						
1996	33.1	7.9	1.1	0.0	1.0	25.2	261
1997	41.3	14.2	2.6	0.0	3.7	27.1	236
1998	34.7	15.4	3.2	0.0	5.6	19.3	184
1999	26.1	13.6	1.8	0.0	3.4	12.5	109
2000	23.0	13.3	1.6	0.0	2.9	9.7	71
2001	17.8	10.8	1.1	0.0	4.4	7.0	61
2002	24.3	19.5	5.5	0.0	10.0	4.9	35
2003 p	16.1	10.0	4.0	0.0	2.3	6.1	47
YTD Dec '02	24.8	19.5	5.5	0.0	9.7	5.3	38
YTD Dec '03	16.1	10.0	4.0	0.0	2.3	6.1	47

Total Permits Index 1997=100



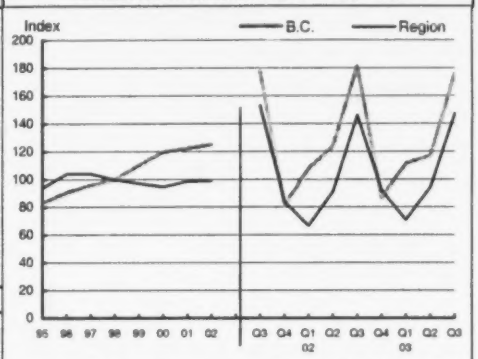
Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

Bulkley-Nechako
Regional District

7 Tourism Room Revenue - Includes Stikine Region ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Bulkley-Nechako Regional District	1999	8,684.3	1,401.9	2,049.1	3,377.8	1,855.5
	2000	8,443.5	1,503.7	2,143.5	3,193.5	1,602.7
	2001	8,807.0	1,435.5	2,083.8	3,412.6	1,875.1
	2002	8,843.0	1,490.5	2,034.3	3,261.7	2,056.5
	2003	6,974.1	1,579.4	2,103.9	3,290.9	
British Columbia	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,219,898.9	335,825.8	352,914.7	531,158.4	

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100



Bulkley-Nechako 2002 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

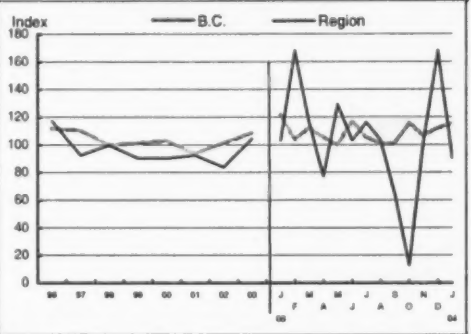
Total	8,843.0	100.0%
Motels	4,700.4	53.2%

Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1996	109
1997	86
1998	93
1999	84
2000	84
2001	86
2002	78
2003	97
Jan-Jan 03	13
Jan-Jan 04	8

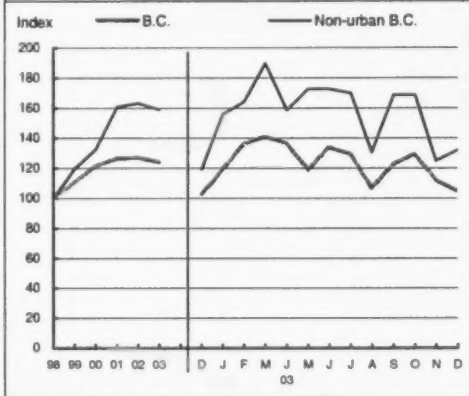
Incorporations Index 1998=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1998=100
Total = Consumer + Business



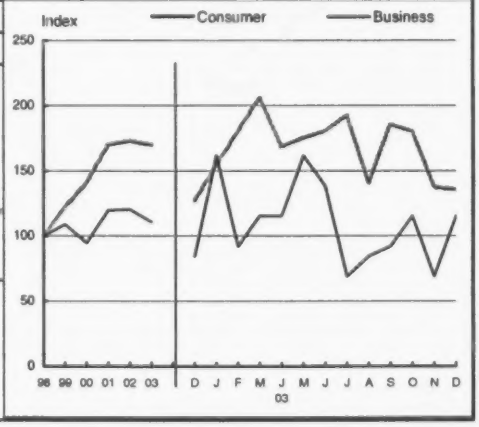
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Non-urban B.C. Consumer	Non-urban B.C. Business	B.C. Consumer	B.C. Business
1999	854	170	8,181	1,077
2000	983	148	9,184	980
2001	1,187	187	9,476	1,101
2002	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
2003	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
Jan-Dec 02	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
Jan-Dec 03	1,186	173	9,385	1,002

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Non-urban B.C. Indices 1998=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women Tot. Female 19-64	
Bulkley-Nechako Regional District	Mar '01	5.8	7.1	10.9	4.6	3.0	Mar '01
	Jun '01	5.8	7.0	10.9	4.7	3.0	Jun '01
	Sep '01	5.6	7.0	9.7	4.4	2.9	Sep '01
	Dec '01	5.8	7.0	9.9	4.7	2.8	Dec '01
	Mar '02	5.7	6.8	9.8	4.7	2.7	Mar '02
	Jun '02	4.7	5.7	7.6	4.0	2.3	Jun '02
	Sep '02	4.3	5.5	6.2	3.5	2.2	Sep '02
	Dec '02	3.8	4.7	5.3	3.2	2.0	Dec '02
	Mar '03	3.7	4.6	4.4	3.2	1.9	Mar '03
	Jun '03	3.5	4.4	4.1	3.2	1.8	Jun '03

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

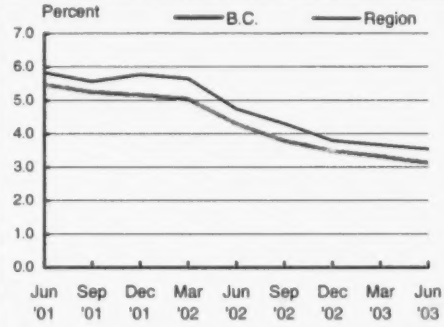
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64	
4.5	5.6	4.6	2.9	Mar '01
5.5	5.6	5.8	3.7	Jun '01
3.3	3.8	3.4	2.0	Sep '01
5.3	6.6	5.5	3.1	Dec '01
4.9	6.4	5.1	2.5	Mar '02
5.4	5.8	5.8	2.9	Jun '02
3.7	4.2	3.9	2.3	Sep '02
4.4	4.7	4.6	2.6	Dec '02
4.6	5.6	4.8	2.8	Mar '03
5.6	5.9	6.0	3.4	Jun '03

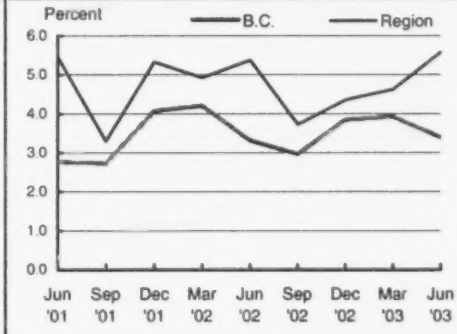
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of June '03)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	1,309	110,570
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	45.1	39.6
1-2 Years	14.8	14.7
>2 Years	40.1	45.7

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

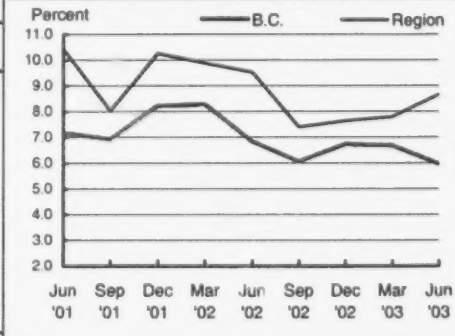
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64
Bulkley-Nechako Regional District	Jun '01	10.4	15.8	10.2	6.7
	Sep '01	8.0	13.2	7.7	5.0
	Dec '01	10.3	16.1	10.0	6.2
	Mar '02	9.9	15.9	9.7	5.4
	Jun '02	9.5	13.1	9.7	5.6
	Sep '02	7.4	10.2	7.4	4.8
	Dec '02	7.6	9.9	7.8	4.9
	Mar '03	7.8	9.9	8.0	4.9
	Jun '03	8.7	9.9	9.0	5.5

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

Due to the dependence on the male-dominated professions in the resource sectors, the gender ratio of this area is heavily weighted in favour of males. This contrasts with the province as a whole, which has more females than males. The total fertility rate for this area is much higher than the provincial rate. This is likely one of the reasons for the higher ratio of children (aged 17 and under) to working age population (aged 18 to 64) compared to the province as a whole. Conversely, the ratio of elderly (aged 65 and over) to working age population is lower than the provincial ratio. As a result, the median age of the population is younger than the provincial median.

14 Projection

This region is expected to receive net inflows of migrants throughout most of the projection, with the exception of outflows in the short-term due to forestry sector job losses. The natural increase (the excess of births over deaths) for this area is expected to be relatively high and positive over the duration of the projection period, and in combination with positive net migration should result in overall population growth for this area.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

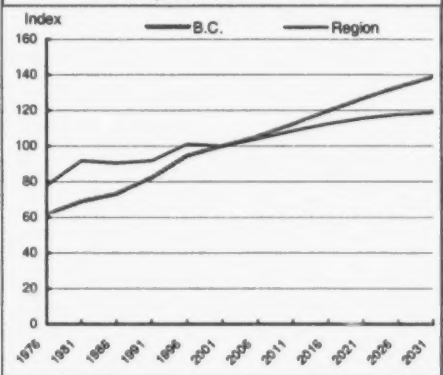
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							House-holds	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	3.6	10.0	4.6	9.3	4.7	1.3	33.5	9.2	0.729	0.069	0.798	1976
1981	4.3	10.2	5.9	12.2	5.3	1.6	39.4	11.9	0.617	0.068	0.685	1981
1986	4.0	9.6	4.5	12.9	5.8	1.9	38.8	12.3	0.585	0.082	0.667	1986
1991	3.6	9.6	4.0	13.4	6.5	2.3	39.4	13.0	0.553	0.097	0.650	1991
1996	3.6	9.9	4.4	14.4	8.1	3.0	43.4	14.8	0.503	0.111	0.613	1996
2001	3.1	9.4	4.2	13.4	9.6	3.3	42.9	15.7	0.457	0.122	0.579	2001
2006	2.8	8.7	4.8	12.5	11.8	4.1	44.7	16.4	0.395	0.141	0.536	2006
2011	2.9	7.9	4.7	12.6	13.4	5.0	46.5	18.0	0.348	0.164	0.512	2011
2016	2.9	7.5	4.4	13.1	14.0	6.3	48.2	19.3	0.330	0.201	0.531	2016
2021	2.8	7.5	3.9	13.6	13.8	8.0	49.6	20.3	0.333	0.256	0.590	2021
2026	2.7	7.5	3.7	13.7	13.0	9.8	50.5	20.9	0.336	0.323	0.659	2026
2031	2.5	7.3	3.8	12.8	13.1	11.3	50.9	21.5	0.331	0.378	0.709	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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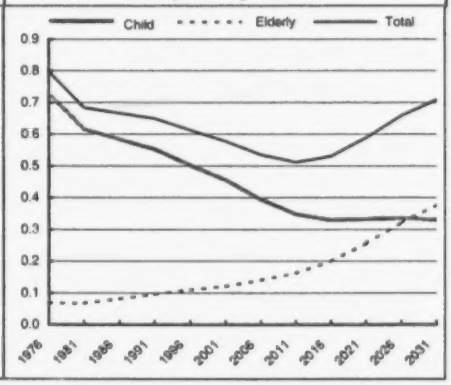

Source: Population data are Projection P-28, run in Summer 2003. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Central Saanich, Colwood, Esquimalt, Highlands, Langford, Metchosin, North Saanich, Oak Bay, Saanich, Sidney, Sooke, Victoria, View Royal

Lower interest rates and strong demand have fueled the housing market, creating many construction jobs. The port of Victoria may see increased use as a people moving port now that it has been handed over to local authorities from the federal government. Upgrades to the port are expected to take five years. Lay offs in the Public service sector have not had the effect of reducing indirect or induced activity markedly, as was the case in Ottawa and surrounding areas when the federal government made cuts in the mid 1990s.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P28 completed in the Summer of 2003. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2002

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Capital							British Columbia	
		Firms with	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
		No Em-ployees	Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	12,050	10,725	981	510	120	12,336	100.0%	100.0%	157,421
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	291	220	13	9	0	242	2.0%	5.7%	9,047
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	31	15	2	0	0	17	0.1%	0.5%	778
22	Utilities	7	7	1	2	1	11	0.1%	0.1%	154
23	Construction	1,823	1,203	95	38	2	1,338	10.8%	10.7%	16,879
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	383	429	41	34	6	510	4.1%	5.6%	8,797
41	Wholesale Trade	412	426	36	18	2	482	3.9%	6.5%	10,253
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	861	1,357	145	78	16	1,596	12.9%	11.3%	17,808
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	421	301	15	8	5	329	2.7%	4.6%	7,319
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	152	129	27	13	3	172	1.4%	1.6%	2,484
52	Finance & Insurance	709	335	41	17	2	395	3.2%	3.4%	5,304
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	1,739	526	40	15	1	582	4.7%	4.5%	7,019
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	2,255	1,716	81	33	0	1,830	14.8%	11.3%	17,711
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	661	218	17	11	3	249	2.0%	2.1%	3,267
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	613	553	38	11	5	607	4.9%	4.8%	7,564
61	Educational Services	134	146	17	8	7	178	1.4%	1.2%	1,820
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	153	1,448	101	45	13	1,607	13.0%	8.6%	13,571
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	240	179	15	11	2	207	1.7%	1.8%	2,808
72	Accom. & Food Services	369	620	187	100	4	911	7.4%	7.3%	11,558
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	795	830	48	13	0	891	7.2%	7.9%	12,476
91	Public Administration	1	67	21	46	48	182	1.5%	0.5%	804

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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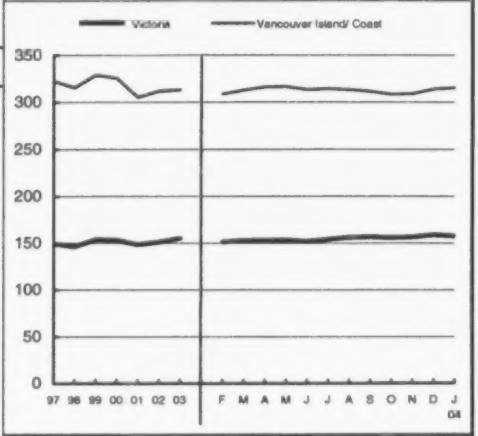
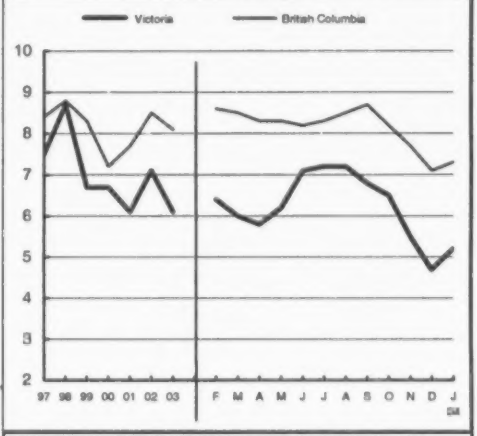
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Victoria		Vancouver Island/ Coast		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
	1994	144.3	7.1	0.0	0.0	1,754.0	9.0
	1995	143.1	8.4	309.9	9.2	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	143.5	8.5	309.8	9.4	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	149.8	7.5	322.7	8.6	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	146.6	8.7	315.7	9.6	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	154.2	6.7	329.1	8.0	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	153.6	6.7	325.8	7.8	1,949.1	7.2
	2001	148.9	6.1	305.3	9.1	1,942.4	7.7
	2002	151.2	7.1	311.9	8.7	1,973.4	8.5
	2003	155.2	6.1	313.1	8.7	2,023.3	8.1
2003	Jan	150.1	6.5	305.1	9.1	1,969.8	8.5
	Feb	151.5	6.4	308.7	9.0	1,964.3	8.6
	Mar	152.8	6.0	313.0	9.0	1,971.3	8.5
	Apr	153.2	5.8	316.3	8.3	1,987.8	8.3
	May	153.4	6.2	316.5	8.4	2,002.6	8.3
	Jun	152.0	7.1	313.6	8.6	2,017.3	8.2
	Jul	154.2	7.2	314.4	8.5	2,038.0	8.3
	Aug	156.2	7.2	313.5	8.8	2,052.7	8.5
	Sep	156.9	6.8	311.7	8.4	2,050.9	8.7
	Oct	156.1	6.5	308.6	8.6	2,051.6	8.2
	Nov	156.7	5.5	309.0	8.5	2,045.5	7.7
	Dec	159.2	4.7	314.1	8.7	2,053.8	7.1
2004	Jan	157.9	5.2	315.3	9.1	2,042.9	7.3
	Feb						
	Mar						
	Apr						
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Jan03	143.8	7.1	291.3	9.5	1,900.6	7.9
	Jan-Jan04	151.2	8.0	305.2	11.2	1,899.6	9.6
	% Change	5.1		4.8		-0.1	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



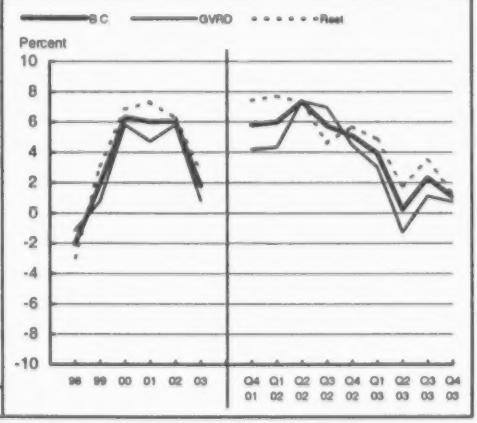
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
Annual	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
data	2002	40,272.6	19,996.5	20,276.1	6.0	5.8	6.3
	2003	40,998.1	20,161.5	20,836.6	1.8	0.8	2.8
	02 4	10,746.4	5,282.7	5,463.7	5.1	4.5	5.7
Quarterly	03 1	9,183.5	4,597.1	4,586.4	3.9	3.0	4.8
data	03 2	10,405.9	5,160.5	5,245.4	0.2	-1.3	1.8
	03 3	10,549.5	5,081.9	5,467.6	2.3	1.1	3.5
	03 4	10,859.2	5,322.0	5,537.2	1.0	0.7	1.3

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

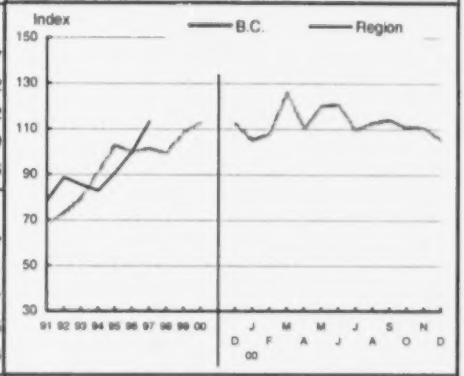
Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



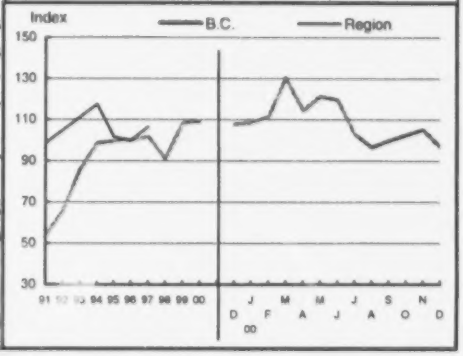
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	20	18	18	18	17
25	Wood	22	19	20	25	22
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	1	1	1	2	2
30	Metal Fabricating	22	22	24	32	29
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	211	202	223	252	246
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	106.4	94.0	102.3	129.6	151.7
25	Wood	**	45.4	39.2	38.6	41.1
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	53.7	55.0	65.4	68.7	70.5
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	495.0	479.7	525.2	578.5	654.6
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	618	548	629	673	636
25	Wood	**	401	376	249	326
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	591	610	671	610	697
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	4,631	4,350	4,666	4,636	5,571
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	20.0	19.2	21.0	20.8	21.5
25	Wood	**	11.4	10.9	7.1	9.9
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	19.7	20.3	22.3	20.7	25.1
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	159.8	151.9	152.0	162.5	202.5

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

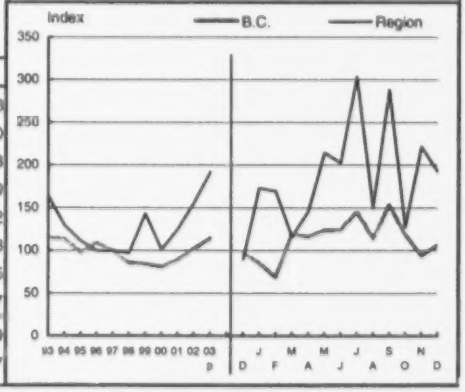


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Comm-ercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1996	287.1	108.6	5.5	287.1	14.4	178.5	1,263
1997	287.7	116.3	6.8	287.7	31.3	171.3	1,230
1998	279.9	117.5	15.9	279.9	25.4	162.4	1,138
1999	411.5	224.2	5.9	411.5	116.8	187.3	1,419
2000	290.9	124.1	14.8	290.9	32.5	166.9	1,002
2001	359.4	165.6	21.8	359.4	56.9	193.8	1,183
2002	447.6	176.9	9.2	447.6	63.4	270.7	1,805
2003 p	552.4	226.6	20.9	552.4	62.2	325.9	2,227
YTD Dec '02	446.6	176.9	9.2	446.6	54.5	269.7	1,799
YTD Dec '03	552.4	226.6	20.9	552.4	62.2	325.9	2,227

Total Permits Index 1997=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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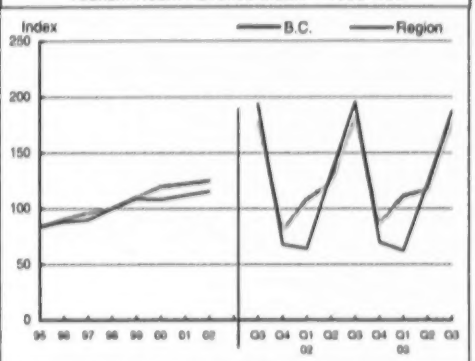
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Capital Regional District	1999	150,894.3	21,624.8	41,072.6	66,841.0	21,356.0
	2000	149,813.3	17,867.8	41,127.9	66,899.6	23,918.0
	2001	154,934.3	21,320.1	43,060.3	66,968.1	23,585.7
	2002	159,442.0	22,184.5	45,448.9	67,578.4	24,230.3
	2003	128,735.5	21,551.3	42,466.0	64,718.2	
British Columbia	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,219,898.9	335,825.8	352,914.7	531,158.4	

Capital 2002 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	159,442.0	100.0%
Hotels	130,675.1	82.0%
76+ Rooms	98,678.1	61.9%
1-75 Rooms	31,999.0	20.1%
Motels	14,279.5	9.0%
Vacation Rentals	4,383.0	2.7%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

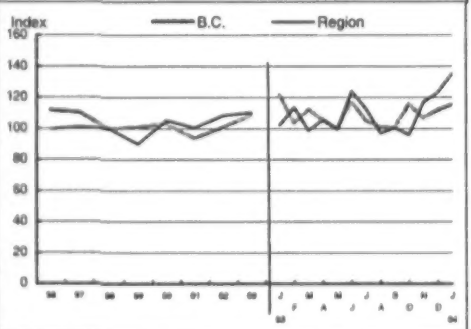


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1996	1,379
1997	1,398
1998	1,364
1999	1,247
2000	1,458
2001	1,394
2002	1,503
2003	1,527
Jan-Jan 03	131
Jan-Jan 04	158

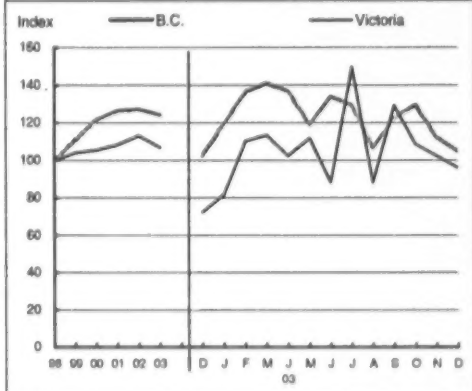
Incorporations Index 1998=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1998=100
Total = Consumer + Business



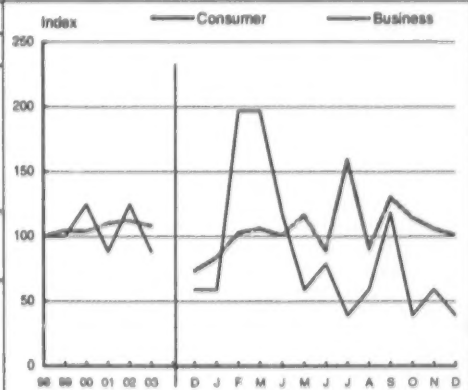
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

	Victoria		Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
Year	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1999	733	61	854	170	8,181	1,077
2000	728	76	983	148	9,184	980
2001	772	54	1,187	187	9,476	1,101
2002	786	76	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
2003	760	54	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
Jan-Dec 02	786	76	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
Jan-Dec 03	760	54	1,186	173	9,385	1,002

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Victoria Indices 1998=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women Tot. Female 19-64	
Capital Regional District	Mar '01	5.1	7.3	7.2	4.5	2.1	Mar '01
	Jun '01	5.1	7.3	6.9	4.4	2.2	Jun '01
	Sep '01	4.8	7.2	6.3	4.1	2.2	Sep '01
	Dec '01	4.6	6.7	6.0	4.0	2.0	Dec '01
	Mar '02	4.6	6.7	5.9	4.0	2.0	Mar '02
	Jun '02	3.8	5.7	4.3	3.4	1.7	Jun '02
	Sep '02	3.3	4.9	3.4	3.0	1.5	Sep '02
	Dec '02	3.0	4.5	3.0	2.8	1.4	Dec '02
	Mar '03	2.8	4.2	2.8	2.6	1.3	Mar '03
	Jun '03	2.6	3.9	2.4	2.4	1.2	Jun '03

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

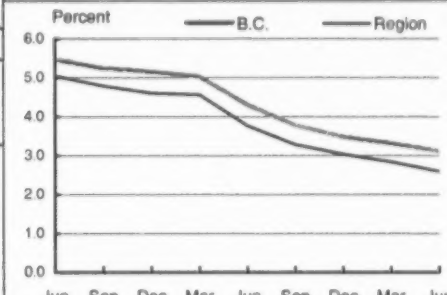
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64	
2.3	2.3	2.6	1.0	Mar '01
2.0	1.8	2.2	0.9	Jun '01
2.1	1.8	2.4	0.8	Sep '01
2.9	2.9	3.3	1.2	Dec '01
3.0	3.0	3.4	1.2	Mar '02
2.4	2.2	2.8	0.8	Jun '02
2.3	2.1	2.7	0.8	Sep '02
2.9	2.8	3.3	1.2	Dec '02
3.0	3.0	3.3	1.3	Mar '03
2.5	2.3	2.9	1.2	Jun '03

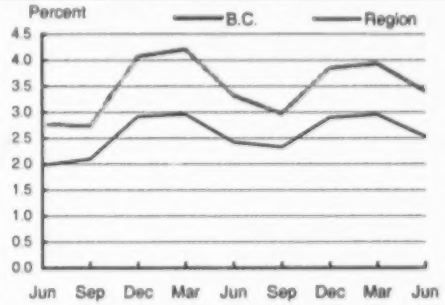
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of June '03)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	7,191	110,570
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	39.7	39.6
1-2 Years	13.5	14.7
>2 Years	46.8	45.7

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

- Data too small to release.

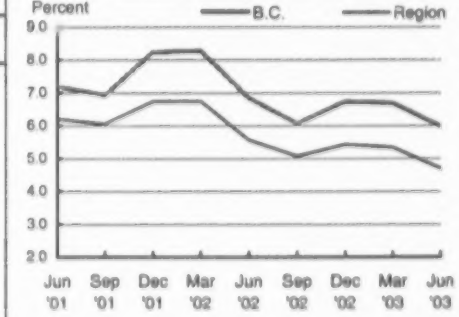
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64
Capital Regional District	Jun '01	6.2	8.5	6.5	2.9
	Sep '01	6.1	7.9	6.4	2.8
	Dec '01	6.7	8.6	7.2	3.1
	Mar '02	6.7	8.6	7.3	3.0
	Jun '02	5.6	6.5	6.1	2.5
	Sep '02	5.1	5.4	5.7	2.4
	Dec '02	5.4	5.7	6.0	2.7
	Mar '03	5.3	5.7	5.9	2.7
	Jun '03	4.7	4.6	5.2	2.6

*Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Capital
Regional District

13 Demographics

The urban nature of much of the region means that the population density is much greater than other regions. The median age is higher than the provincial median, likely due in part to the areas attractiveness for retirees. The elderly dependancy ratio (those over 65 years of age relative to those 18 to 64) is much higher than the provincial ratio. The larger percentage of elderly people affects other demographic variables as well. For example, the gender ratio is weighted much more in favour of females than is the case for British Columbia as a whole, since females tend to live longer than males.

14 Projection

The retirement communities in Greater Victoria and the Gulf Islands should continue to grow as the provincial population ages and more people chose to retire in these areas. As Greater Victoria reaches saturation, growth will likely move into Saanich and Sooke. The Gulf Islands' "Island Trust" exists to ensure that the Islands maintain their island character and this control over development will likely keep growth on the Islands to a minimum. Deaths will likely continue to climb, decreasing natural increase and dropping the population growth rate to near zero by the end of the projection period.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

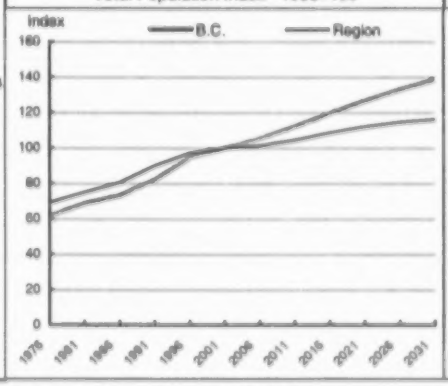
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							House-holds	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	13.0	46.7	31.3	56.7	52.7	35.9	236.2	87.7	0.424	0.256	0.680	1976
1981	13.9	41.4	33.1	70.2	54.4	42.8	255.9	103.6	0.351	0.272	0.622	1981
1986	15.8	40.6	30.6	83.6	55.2	49.3	275.0	117.5	0.333	0.291	0.624	1986
1991	17.3	44.6	29.6	98.9	60.2	57.1	307.6	127.9	0.328	0.303	0.631	1991
1996	17.3	48.3	30.2	104.4	72.7	58.9	331.8	141.4	0.316	0.284	0.600	1996
2001	14.7	48.0	32.9	98.6	87.6	59.8	341.6	150.3	0.286	0.273	0.559	2001
2006	13.5	44.7	29.7	96.4	100.4	61.5	346.2	156.2	0.257	0.272	0.529	2006
2011	13.5	42.1	30.1	93.3	110.7	67.0	356.6	165.5	0.238	0.286	0.524	2011
2016	13.6	41.0	31.8	91.5	113.4	79.6	370.6	176.4	0.231	0.337	0.568	2016
2021	13.4	40.7	29.8	91.9	113.2	93.3	382.3	185.9	0.231	0.397	0.628	2021
2026	13.2	40.5	28.9	90.3	111.9	105.9	390.7	192.9	0.232	0.458	0.690	2026
2031	12.9	40.2	29.6	89.2	108.1	116.6	396.5	198.1	0.234	0.514	0.748	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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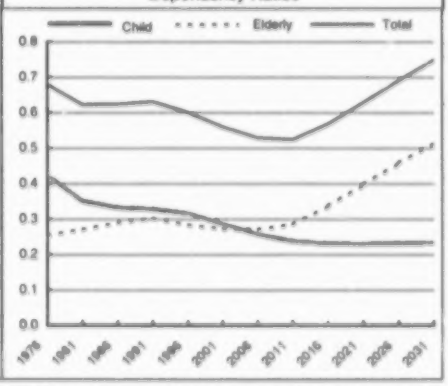


Source: Population data are Projection P-28, run in Summer 2003. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

Cariboo
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Quesnel, Williams Lake, 100 Mile House, Wells

Forestry is the main economic driver for this region, but tourism, cattle ranching and mining also play important roles in the economy. The only remaining major mine in the area shut down in late 2001 after two others had closed in the last few years. The Quesnel River gold mine opened in 1995, but was shut down in March 1998 due to low metal prices. The Gibraltar mine near Williams Lake closed in February 1999 due to low ore grades and low prices. The Mount Polley mine near Likely, which began production in 1997 was expected to have about a 14-year life, but low prices stopped operations in 2001. The Prosperity Gold/Copper Mine has the potential to be one of the largest mines in the province once it goes ahead. The licenses for beetle-killed timber in the Williams Lake Timber Supply Area have resulted in some employment but this will likely be temporary.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P28 completed in the Summer of 2003. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2002

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Cariboo							British Columbia	
		Firms with	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
		No Employees	Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	2,537	2,621	164	69	15	2,869	100.0%	100.0%	157,421
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	599	522	29	12	0	563	19.6%	5.7%	9,047
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	9	6	0	0	0	6	0.2%	0.5%	778
22	Utilities	8	6	0	0	0	6	0.2%	0.1%	154
23	Construction	405	292	13	5	0	310	10.8%	10.7%	16,879
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	93	90	9	11	9	119	4.1%	5.6%	8,797
41	Wholesale Trade	91	71	10	0	0	81	2.8%	6.5%	10,253
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	175	303	16	16	2	336	11.7%	11.3%	17,808
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	190	259	4	1	0	264	9.2%	4.6%	7,319
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	19	19	1	2	0	22	0.8%	1.6%	2,484
52	Finance & Insurance	55	42	8	3	0	53	1.8%	3.4%	5,304
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	232	80	5	0	0	85	3.0%	4.5%	7,019
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	175	173	4	0	0	177	6.2%	11.3%	17,711
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	77	38	2	0	0	40	1.4%	2.1%	3,267
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	66	92	1	1	0	94	3.3%	4.8%	7,564
61	Educational Services	10	16	1	0	2	19	0.7%	1.2%	1,820
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	21	134	17	6	2	159	5.5%	8.6%	13,571
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	27	49	2	1	0	52	1.8%	1.8%	2,808
72	Accom. & Food Services	112	198	34	7	0	239	8.3%	7.3%	11,558
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	186	211	4	0	0	215	7.5%	7.9%	12,476
91	Public Administration	-	20	4	5	0	29	1.0%	0.5%	804

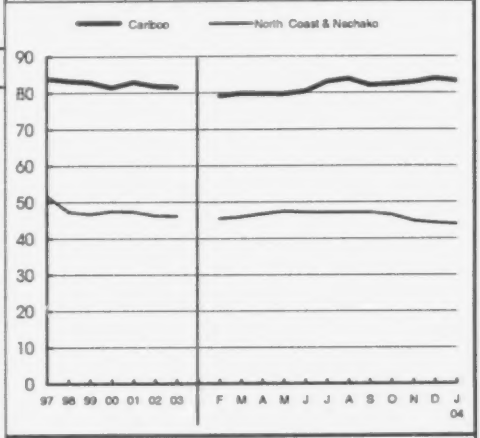
Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

Cariboo
Regional District

3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Cariboo		North Coast & Nechako		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %
	1994	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,754.0	9.0
	1995	80.4	9.7	49.1	8.2	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	86.8	8.6	51.9	7.5	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	84.0	9.8	51.8	9.1	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	83.3	14.5	47.4	9.5	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	82.9	11.6	46.7	8.8	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	81.5	9.9	47.5	10.2	1,949.1	7.2
	2001	83.0	9.7	47.4	10.9	1,942.4	7.7
	2002	81.9	12.6	46.3	12.6	1,973.4	8.5
	2003	81.6	11.2	46.2	11.5	2,023.3	8.1
2003	Jan	78.4	13.1	45.1	11.7	1,969.8	8.5
	Feb	79.2	13.0	45.5	11.3	1,964.3	8.6
	Mar	79.9	12.8	46.0	11.4	1,971.3	8.5
	Apr	79.8	12.5	46.8	10.9	1,987.8	8.3
	May	79.7	12.6	47.5	11.2	2,002.6	8.3
	Jun	80.4	13.0	47.3	10.9	2,017.3	8.2
	Jul	83.1	12.1	47.2	11.6	2,038.0	8.3
	Aug	83.9	10.8	47.2	12.1	2,052.7	8.5
	Sep	82.1	10.4	47.2	11.4	2,050.9	8.7
	Oct	82.4	9.8	46.6	10.6	2,051.6	8.2
	Nov	82.9	9.5	44.9	10.6	2,045.5	7.7
	Dec	84.0	8.8	44.3	12.5	2,053.8	7.1
2004	Jan	83.3	9.8	44.0	13.8	2,042.9	7.3
	Feb						
	Mar						
	Apr						
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Jan03	82.4	10.3	48.6	11.6	1,900.6	7.9
	Jan-Jan04	82.5	14.0	44.5	14.5	1,899.6	9.6
	% Change	0.1		-8.4		-0.1	

Employment, thousands of persons



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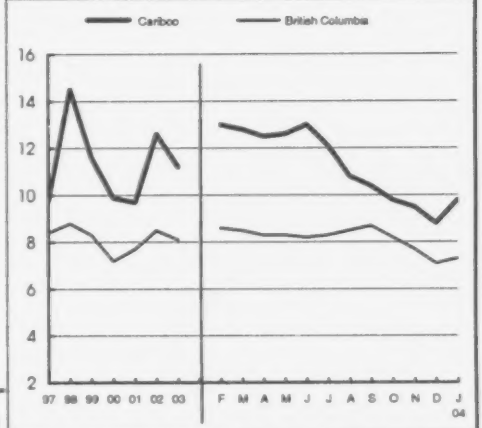


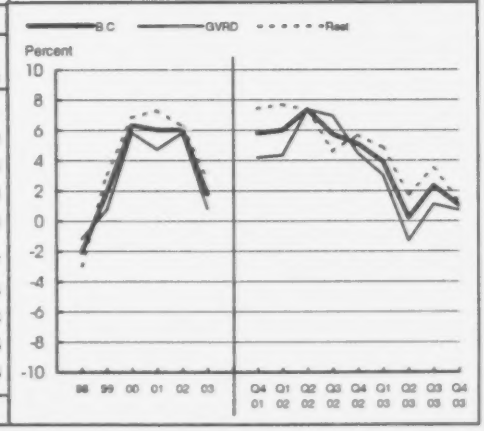
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
	2002	40,272.6	19,996.5	20,276.1	6.0	5.8	6.3
	2003	40,998.1	20,161.5	20,836.6	1.8	0.8	2.8
Quarterly data	02 4	10,746.4	5,282.7	5,463.7	5.1	4.5	5.7
	03 1	9,183.5	4,597.1	4,586.4	3.9	3.0	4.8
	03 2	10,405.9	5,160.5	5,245.4	0.2	-1.3	1.8
	03 3	10,549.5	5,081.9	5,467.6	2.3	1.1	3.5
	03 4	10,859.2	5,322.0	5,537.2	1.0	0.7	1.3

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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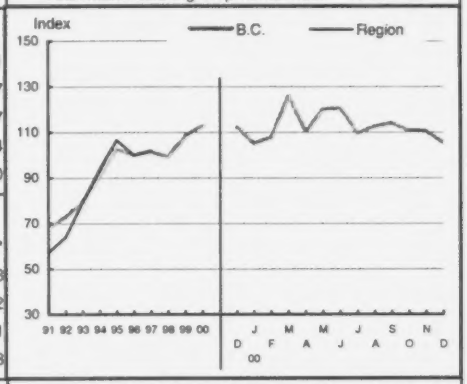
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	1	1	1	1	1
25	Wood	27	26	31	38	37
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	20	19	23	29	27
30	Metal Fabricating	4	3	3	5	4
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	54	51	60	74	70
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	891.8	1,033.0	1,152.7	1,125.0	1,153.3
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	876.3	912.6	893.6	954.2
30	Metal Fabricating	3.4	**	**	**	6.1
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	1,153.6	1,365.7	1,547.8	1,452.3	1,481.8
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	3,708	3,520	3,730	3,835	3,706
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	2,770	2,758	2,876	2,768
30	Metal Fabricating	36	**	**	**	51
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	4,737	4,534	4,792	4,906	4,974
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	169.2	171.9	198.4	205.8	200.2
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	138.2	146.5	151.5	148.1
30	Metal Fabricating	1.3	**	**	**	2.0
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	216.0	219.5	252.6	259.4	263.8

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



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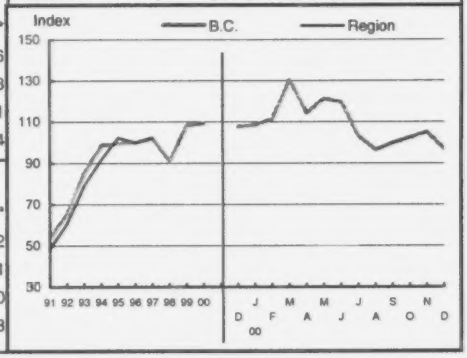
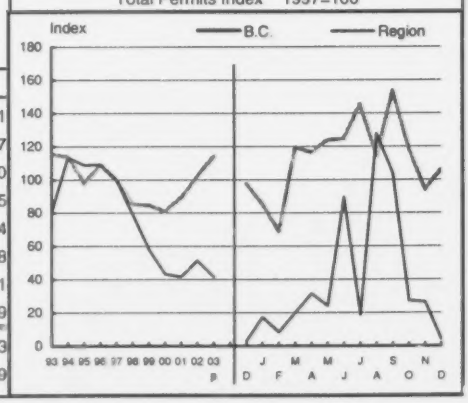


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Comm-ercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential: Units
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1996	87.3	20.4	10.0	8.5	1.9	66.9	651
1997	79.9	29.9	2.0	8.3	20.3	50.0	477
1998	63.3	30.4	6.9	8.0	10.2	32.8	270
1999	46.5	17.5	4.2	7.0	2.8	28.9	225
2000	34.7	14.0	1.6	2.9	2.8	20.8	114
2001	33.2	16.4	3.0	11.0	3.0	16.8	88
2002	41.1	15.5	3.6	6.7	3.9	25.6	131
2003 p	33.3	20.8	4.2	12.0	9.3	12.5	69
YTD Dec '02	38.4	14.5	3.4	6.7	3.0	23.9	123
YTD Dec '03	33.3	20.8	4.2	12.0	9.3	12.5	69

Total Permits Index 1997=100



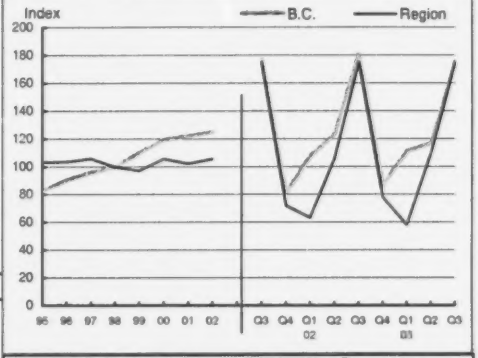
Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

Cariboo
Regional District

7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Cariboo Regional District	1999	15,495.9	2,244.2	4,055.6	6,454.3	2,741.8
	2000	16,850.2	2,228.1	4,298.4	7,332.0	2,991.8
	2001	16,300.0	2,200.2	4,266.9	6,955.0	2,877.8
	2002	16,834.0	2,526.6	4,220.6	6,976.6	3,110.1
	2003	13,649.0	2,318.2	4,357.7	6,973.1	
British Columbia	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,219,898.9	335,825.8	352,914.7	531,158.4	

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100



Cariboo 2002 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

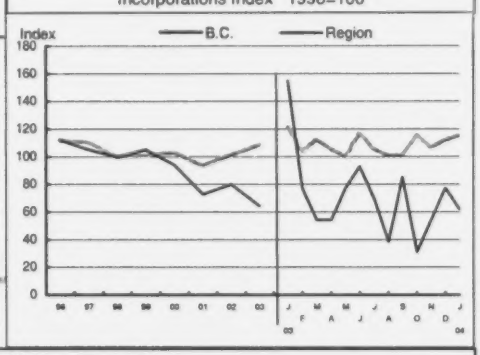
Total	16,834.0	100.0%
Fishing lodges	857.6	5.1%
Hotels	4,829.2	28.7%
Motels	8,397.3	49.9%
Vacation Rentals	1,211.8	7.2%

Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1996	174
1997	163
1998	155
1999	163
2000	146
2001	113
2002	124
2003	100
Jan-Jan 03	10
Jan-Jan 04	10

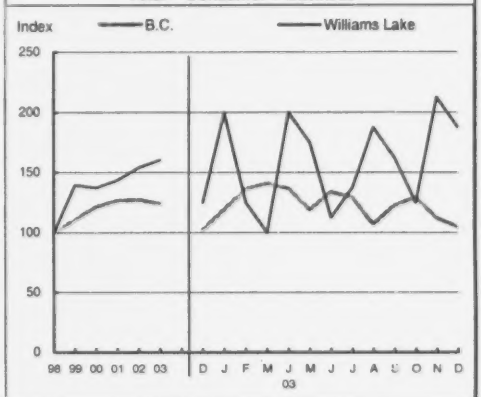
Incorporations Index 1998=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1998=100
Total = Consumer + Business



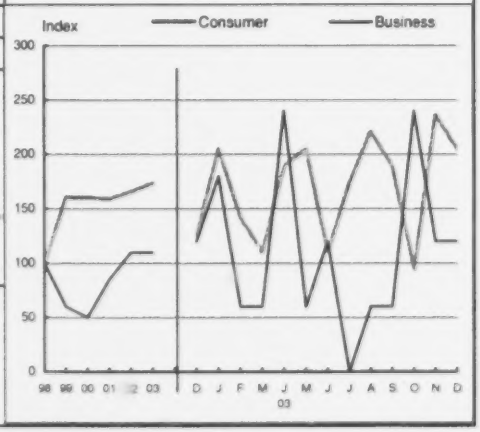
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Williams Lake Consumer	Williams Lake Business	Quesnel Consumer	Quesnel Business	B.C. Consumer	B.C. Business
1999	122	12	69	8	8,181	1,077
2000	122	10	81	7	9,184	980
2001	121	17	85	7	9,476	1,101
2002	126	22	93	3	9,531	1,107
2003	132	22	87	14	9,385	1,002
Jan-Dec 02	126	22	93	3	9,531	1,107
Jan-Dec 03	132	22	87	14	9,385	1,002

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Williams Lake Indices 1998=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

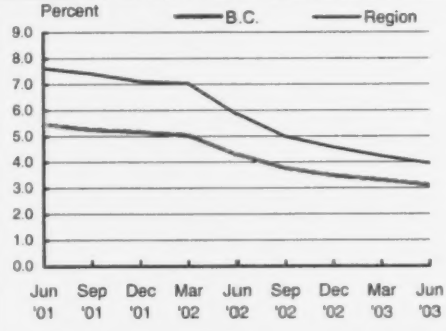
(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women Tot. Female 19-64
Cariboo Regional District	Mar '01	7.7	10.0	13.2	6.3	3.6
	Jun '01	7.6	10.3	12.4	6.2	3.8
	Sep '01	7.4	10.2	11.1	6.0	3.8
	Dec '01	7.1	9.6	10.7	5.9	3.5
	Mar '02	7.0	9.6	10.3	5.9	3.4
	Jun '02	5.9	8.1	8.2	4.9	2.8
	Sep '02	5.0	7.0	7.2	4.1	2.5
	Dec '02	4.6	6.3	5.9	3.8	2.3
	Mar '03	4.2	5.7	5.7	3.6	2.0
	Jun '03	3.9	5.5	5.4	3.3	2.0

Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of June '03)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	2,303	110,570
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	48.0	39.6
1-2 Years	10.4	14.7
>2 Years	41.6	45.7

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



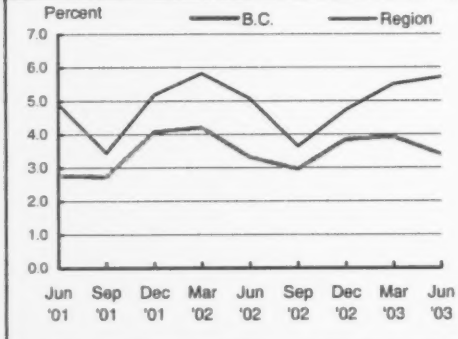
Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996.

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Reference Group		Working Age (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64	
Cariboo Regional District	Mar '01	5.3	6.8	5.5	3.0	Mar '01
	Jun '01	4.9	5.6	5.3	2.9	Jun '01
	Sep '01	3.4	3.6	3.8	1.9	Sep '01
	Dec '01	5.2	6.0	5.6	2.9	Dec '01
	Mar '02	5.8	6.7	6.3	3.2	Mar '02
	Jun '02	5.1	5.9	5.5	2.8	Jun '02
	Sep '02	3.7	4.9	3.9	1.9	Sep '02
	Dec '02	4.7	6.1	5.0	2.6	Dec '02
	Mar '03	5.5	6.6	5.9	3.1	Mar '03
	Jun '03	5.7	6.4	6.2	3.3	Jun '03

EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

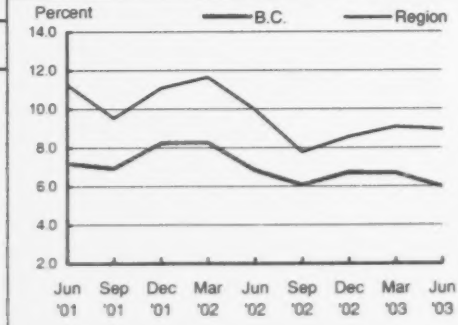
- Data too small to release.

12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64
Cariboo Regional District	Jun '01	11.3	17.6	11.3	6.9
	Sep '01	9.5	14.4	9.6	5.8
	Dec '01	11.1	16.4	11.3	6.7
	Mar '02	11.7	16.7	12.0	6.7
	Jun '02	10.0	14.0	10.3	6.1
	Sep '02	7.8	11.9	7.9	4.7
	Dec '02	8.6	11.8	8.8	5.4
	Mar '03	9.1	12.2	9.4	5.6
	Jun '03	9.0	11.6	9.4	5.5

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



*Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

Cariboo
Regional District

13 Demographics

Net migration has fluctuated drastically over the last two decades. The dependence on male-dominated resource sector industries is the reason for a gender ratio that is weighted in favour of males, in contrast to the province as a whole, where there are more females than males. The elderly dependency ratio is lower than the provincial average while the child dependency ratio is slightly higher, therefore, the median age of the population of this area is slightly younger than the provincial median.

14 Projection

This area could experience rapid growth if the new mines come on line, although there will likely be outflows due to the slow resource sector. The cancellation of the temporary licenses for beetle-killed timber, when it occurs, could result in net outflows for a few years. However, it is likely that there will be positive net migration overall. The growing number of deaths will likely exceed births by 2020, lowering the population growth rate to negative values by the end of the projection period.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

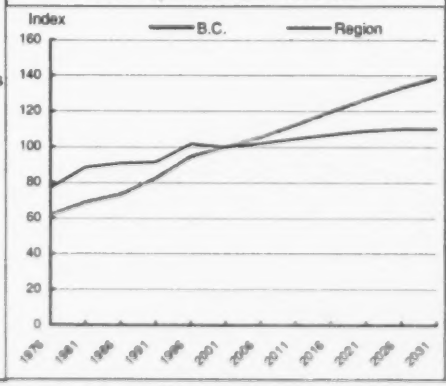
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							House-holds	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	5.1	15.0	7.0	15.6	8.1	2.0	52.9	15.2	0.654	0.065	0.719	1976
1981	5.9	14.8	8.4	19.4	9.5	2.7	60.8	18.9	0.555	0.073	0.628	1981
1986	5.4	14.6	6.9	21.0	11.0	3.6	62.5	21.0	0.515	0.092	0.607	1986
1991	4.8	14.1	5.6	20.9	12.6	4.8	62.9	21.9	0.484	0.122	0.607	1991
1996	4.7	14.9	6.5	22.3	15.7	5.9	70.0	25.4	0.443	0.132	0.575	1996
2001	3.9	13.3	6.1	19.9	18.4	7.1	68.7	26.8	0.388	0.160	0.548	2001
2006	3.4	11.6	7.3	18.0	21.1	8.6	70.1	29.3	0.323	0.186	0.509	2006
2011	3.5	10.3	6.8	18.2	22.6	10.5	71.9	31.7	0.290	0.221	0.511	2011
2016	3.6	9.6	6.0	19.1	22.1	13.1	73.5	33.4	0.280	0.278	0.558	2016
2021	3.5	9.8	5.2	19.8	20.8	15.8	74.9	34.6	0.290	0.344	0.634	2021
2026	3.3	9.9	4.9	19.8	19.6	18.1	75.6	35.1	0.296	0.407	0.704	2026
2031	3.1	9.6	5.2	18.2	19.9	19.5	75.6	35.5	0.292	0.450	0.742	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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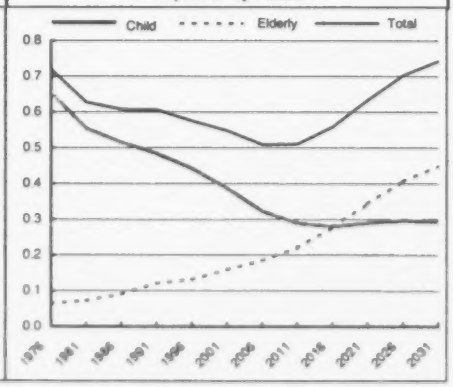


Source: Population data are Projection P-28, run in Summer 2003. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

Central Coast
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Local Health Area: Port Hardy, Port McNeil, Port Alice, Alert Bay, Zeballos

Forestry, tourism and fishing dominate the economy of this sparsely populated region. Harvesting is the main activity in the forest sector as there are no large processing facilities in the area. The AAC for the Mid Coast Timber Supply Area was reduced again recently.

The provincial government has established a park by protecting nearly half a million hectares of coastal rainforest. The fishery has also suffered from declining stocks. A large percentage of the population is made up of First nations peoples and they have been working towards an aboriginal-only commercial fishery.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P28 completed in the Summer of 2003. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2002

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Central Coast							British Columbia	
		Firms with	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
		No Em-ployees	Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	86	82	15	7	0	104	100.0%	100.0%	157,421
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	31	16	6	1	0	23	22.1%	5.7%	9,047
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	-	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.5%	778
22	Utilities	-	1	0	0	0	1	1.0%	0.1%	154
23	Construction	12	7	1	0	0	8	7.7%	10.7%	16,879
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	4	3	0	1	0	4	3.8%	5.6%	8,797
41	Wholesale Trade	2	1	0	0	0	1	1.0%	6.5%	10,253
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	2	9	2	2	0	13	12.5%	11.3%	17,808
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	5	5	0	0	0	5	4.8%	4.6%	7,319
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	2	1	0	0	0	1	1.0%	1.6%	2,484
52	Finance & Insurance	-	1	0	0	0	1	1.0%	3.4%	5,304
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	3	1	0	0	0	1	1.0%	4.5%	7,019
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	2	2	1	0	0	3	2.9%	11.3%	17,711
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	1	2	0	0	0	2	1.9%	2.1%	3,267
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	2	2	0	0	0	2	1.9%	4.8%	7,564
61	Educational Services	1	3	0	2	0	5	4.8%	1.2%	1,820
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	-	5	2	0	0	7	6.7%	8.6%	13,571
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	3	3	0	0	0	3	2.9%	1.8%	2,808
72	Accom. & Food Services	6	6	3	0	0	9	8.7%	7.3%	11,558
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	10	9	0	0	0	9	8.7%	7.9%	12,476
91	Public Administration	-	5	0	1	0	6	5.8%	0.5%	804

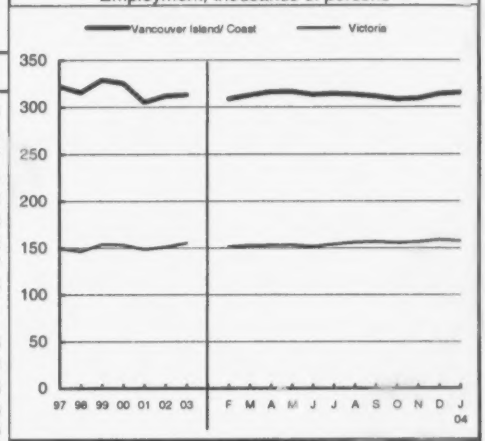
Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

Central Coast
Regional District

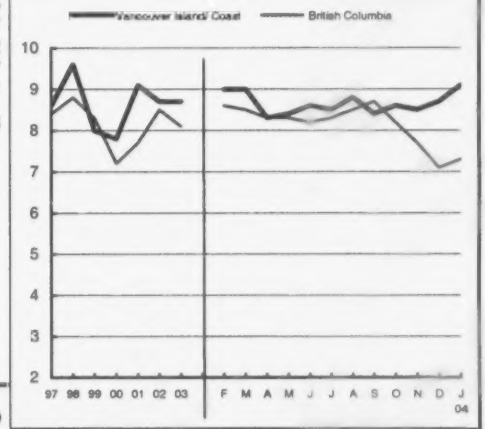
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Vancouver Island/ Coast		Victoria		British Columbia	
		Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
	1994	0.0	0.0	144.3	7.1	1,754.0	9.0
	1995	309.9	9.2	143.1	8.4	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	309.8	9.4	143.5	8.5	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	322.7	8.6	149.8	7.5	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	315.7	9.6	146.6	8.7	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	329.1	8.0	154.2	6.7	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	325.8	7.8	153.6	6.7	1,949.1	7.2
	2001	305.3	9.1	148.9	6.1	1,942.4	7.7
	2002	311.9	8.7	151.2	7.1	1,973.4	8.5
	2003	313.1	8.7	155.2	6.1	2,023.3	8.1
2003	Jan	305.1	9.1	150.1	6.5	1,969.8	8.5
	Feb	308.7	9.0	151.5	6.4	1,964.3	8.6
	Mar	313.0	9.0	152.8	6.0	1,971.3	8.5
	Apr	316.3	8.3	153.2	5.8	1,967.8	8.3
	May	316.5	8.4	153.4	6.2	2,002.6	8.3
	Jun	313.6	8.6	152.0	7.1	2,017.3	8.2
	Jul	314.4	8.5	154.2	7.2	2,038.0	8.3
	Aug	313.5	8.8	156.2	7.2	2,052.7	8.5
	Sep	311.7	8.4	156.9	6.8	2,050.9	8.7
	Oct	308.6	8.6	156.1	6.5	2,051.6	8.2
	Nov	309.0	8.5	156.7	5.5	2,045.5	7.7
	Dec	314.1	8.7	159.2	4.7	2,053.8	7.1
2004	Jan	315.3	9.1	157.9	5.2	2,042.9	7.3
	Feb						
	Mar						
	Apr						
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Jan03	291.3	9.5	143.8	7.1	1,900.6	7.9
	Jan-Jan04	305.2	11.2	151.2	8.0	1,899.6	9.6
	% Change	4.8		5.1		-0.1	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



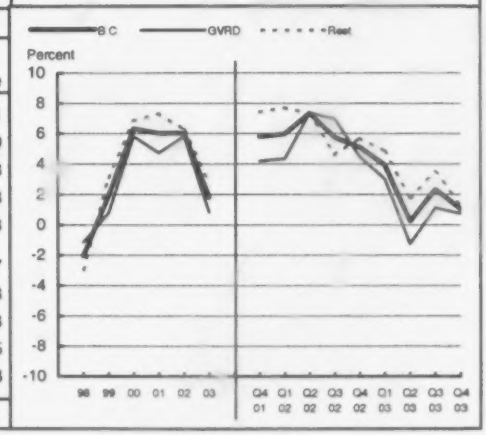
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
Annual	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
data	2002	40,272.6	19,996.5	20,276.1	6.0	5.8	6.3
	2003	40,998.1	20,161.5	20,836.6	1.8	0.8	2.8
	02 4	10,746.4	5,282.7	5,463.7	5.1	4.5	5.7
Quarterly	03 1	9,183.5	4,597.1	4,586.4	3.9	3.0	4.8
data	03 2	10,405.9	5,160.5	5,245.4	0.2	-1.3	1.8
	03 3	10,549.5	5,081.9	5,467.6	2.3	1.1	3.5
	03 4	10,859.2	5,322.0	5,537.2	1.0	0.7	1.3

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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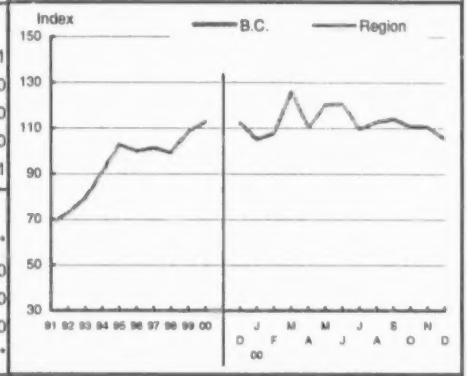
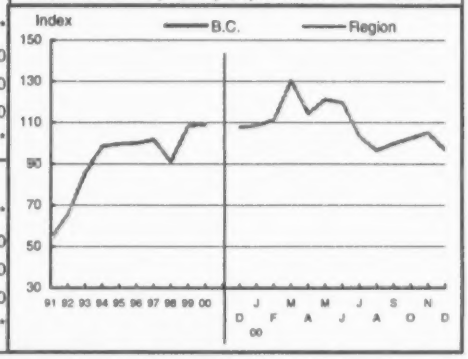
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	2	6	0	1	1
25	Wood	0	0	0	0	0
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	0	0	0	0	0
30	Metal Fabricating	0	0	0	0	0
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	2	6	0	1	1
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	0.0	**	**
25	Wood	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
30	Metal Fabricating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	0.0	**	**
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	0	**	**
25	Wood	0	0	0	0	0
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	0	0	0	0	0
30	Metal Fabricating	0	0	0	0	0
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	0	**	**
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	0.0	**	**
25	Wood	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
30	Metal Fabricating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	0.0	**	**

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

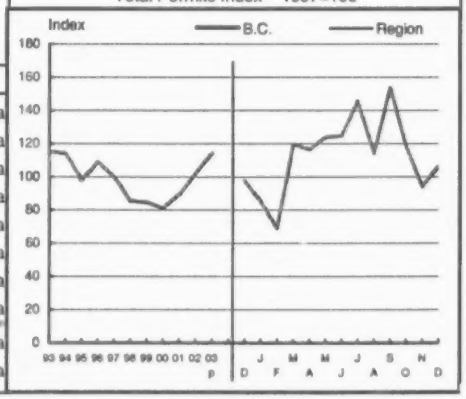


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Commercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential
	<-- $ Millions -->					$ Millions	Units
1996	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1997	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1998	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1999	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
2000	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
2001	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
2002	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
2003 p	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
YTD Dec '02	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
YTD Dec '03	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Total Permits Index 1997=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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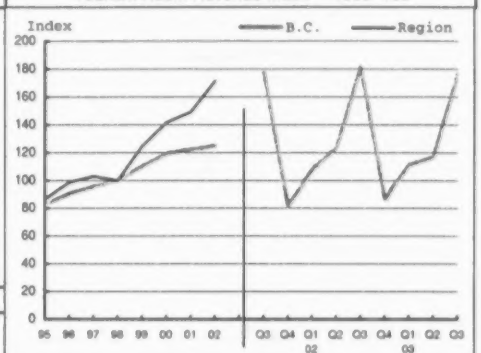
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Central Coast Regional District	1999	1,194.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	2000	1,357.3	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	2001	1,431.5	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	2002	1,643.8	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	2003	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
British Columbia	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,219,898.9	335,825.8	352,914.7	531,158.4	

Central Coast 2002 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	1,643.8	100.0%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

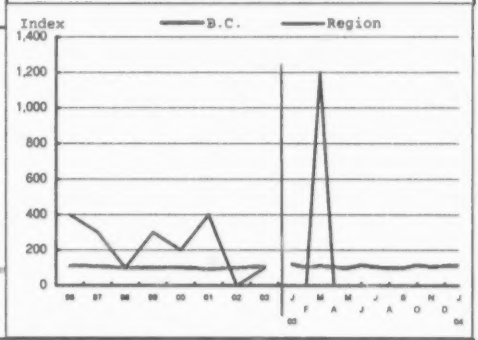


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1996	4
1997	3
1998	1
1999	3
2000	2
2001	4
2002	0
2003	1
Jan-Jan 03	0
Jan-Jan 04	0

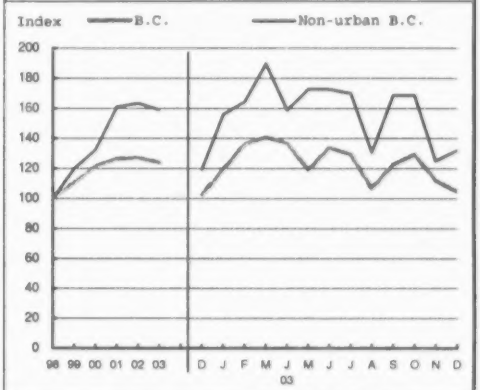
Incorporations Index 1998=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1998=100
Total = Consumer + Business



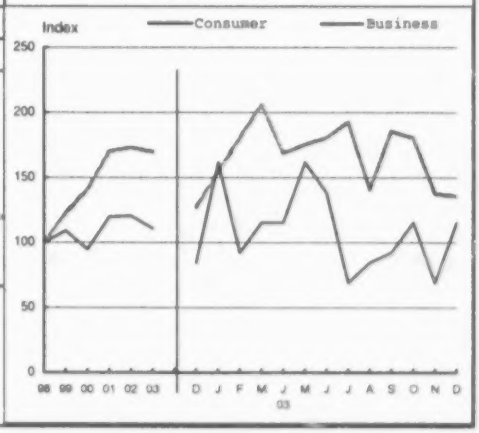
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Non-urban B.C. Consumer	Non-urban B.C. Business	B.C. Consumer	B.C. Business
1999	854	170	8,181	1,077
2000	983	148	9,184	980
2001	1,187	187	9,476	1,101
2002	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
2003	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
Jan-Dec 02	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
Jan-Dec 03	1,186	173	9,385	1,002

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Non-urban B.C. Indices 1998=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women Tot. Female 19-64	
Central Coast Regional District	Mar '01	7.7	10.4	13.2	6.3	2.3	Mar '01
	Jun '01	8.2	11.8	9.2	6.7	2.5	Jun '01
	Sep '01	6.6	8.5	11.8	5.2	2.7	Sep '01
	Dec '01	6.1	7.8	9.0	5.1	1.9	Dec '01
	Mar '02	6.1	8.2	8.6	4.9	1.9	Mar '02
	Jun '02	5.1	7.0	5.0	4.0	1.9	Jun '02
	Sep '02	3.8	4.7	-	3.1	1.1	Sep '02
	Dec '02	3.3	4.4	-	2.5	0.9	Dec '02
	Mar '03	3.0	3.5	-	2.7	-	Mar '03
	Jun '03	2.5	4.2	-	2.0	-	Jun '03

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

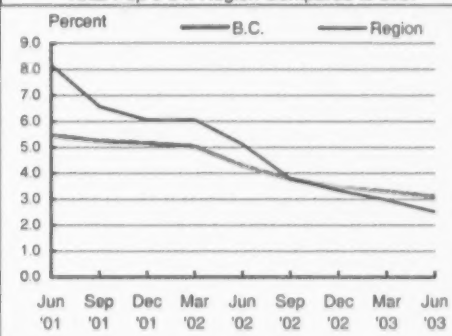
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		Working Age (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64	
Central Coast Regional District	Mar '01	8.2	5.6	9.0	6.0	Mar '01
	Jun '01	5.2	2.1	6.2	2.5	Jun '01
	Sep '01	4.7	3.2	5.2	3.1	Sep '01
	Dec '01	9.9	5.6	10.8	8.5	Dec '01
	Mar '02	10.9	5.4	12.5	7.6	Mar '02
	Jun '02	6.3	3.2	7.7	-	Jun '02
	Sep '02	5.1	3.8	5.7	2.6	Sep '02
	Dec '02	9.3	8.6	9.6	8.5	Dec '02
	Mar '03	9.9	8.9	10.4	7.6	Mar '03
	Jun '03	7.0	6.3	8.1	1.8	Jun '03

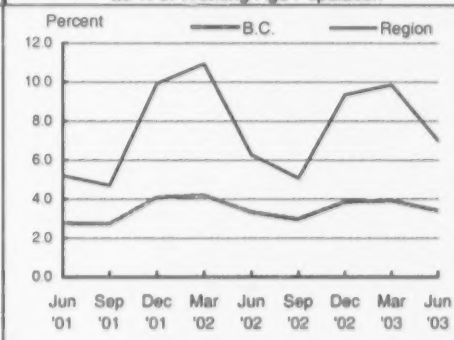
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of June '03)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	41	110,570
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	37.5	39.6
1-2 Years	20.0	14.7
>2 Years	42.5	45.7

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

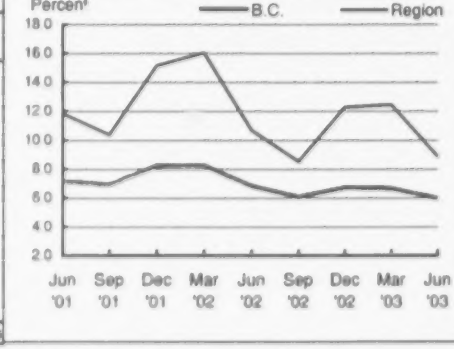
Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64
Central Coast Regional District	Jun '01	11.8	11.3	12.6	8.7
	Sep '01	10.4	15.0	10.2	9.1
	Dec '01	15.1	14.6	15.7	13.5
	Mar '02	16.0	12.6	17.3	12.8
	Jun '02	10.7	8.2	11.8	7.0
	Sep '02	8.5	-	8.9	7.9
	Dec '02	12.3	-	12.1	14.3
	Mar '03	12.5	-	12.9	11.7
	Jun '03	8.9	-	10.1	-

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



*Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

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13 Demographics

The population in this area is largely Native. The Native population tends to be younger, on average, than non-Natives, and as a result, the median age of the population in this area is substantially younger than the provincial median. There are proportionately far more children in the population, with the ratio of children (aged 17 and under) to working age population (aged 18 to 64) higher than the provincial ratio. Also, the ratio of elderly (aged 65 and over) to working age population is substantially lower than the provincial ratio. There are more men than women in this area, in contrast to the province as a whole, where the reverse is the case. The median age of death is substantially younger than for the province as a whole, and this is partly due to this gender bias in favour of men, who tend to have lower life expectancies than women, and partly due to the concentration of Natives, who tend to have lower life expectancies than non-Natives.

14 Projection

This area has had small population growth with net migration oscillating above and below zero but remaining positive overall. Natural increase should remain positive until 2025 after which deaths will out number births. The population is expected to increase moderately by the end of the projection period.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							House-holds	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	0.5	1.3	0.6	1.2	0.6	0.2	4.3	1.2	0.729	0.067	0.796	1976
1981	0.3	0.8	0.4	1.0	0.5	0.1	3.1	0.9	0.601	0.078	0.679	1981
1986	0.4	0.7	0.4	1.1	0.5	0.2	3.3	1.0	0.528	0.085	0.613	1986
1991	0.3	0.9	0.4	1.2	0.6	0.2	3.6	1.1	0.539	0.093	0.632	1991
1996	0.3	0.9	0.4	1.4	0.8	0.2	4.1	1.3	0.492	0.097	0.588	1996
2001	0.3	0.8	0.4	1.3	0.9	0.3	4.0	1.5	0.426	0.120	0.546	2001
2006	0.3	0.8	0.4	1.2	1.1	0.4	4.2	1.5	0.392	0.139	0.530	2006
2011	0.3	0.7	0.4	1.2	1.2	0.5	4.4	1.7	0.354	0.183	0.537	2011
2016	0.3	0.7	0.4	1.1	1.3	0.7	4.6	1.8	0.336	0.228	0.565	2016
2021	0.2	0.7	0.4	1.2	1.3	0.9	4.7	1.8	0.333	0.300	0.633	2021
2026	0.2	0.7	0.4	1.2	1.2	1.0	4.7	1.9	0.324	0.361	0.685	2026
2031	0.2	0.6	0.4	1.2	1.2	1.2	4.7	1.9	0.312	0.423	0.735	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

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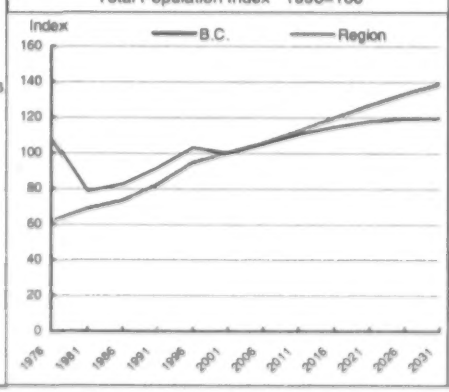

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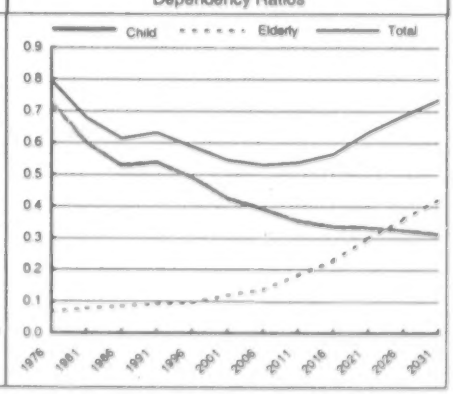

Source: Population data are Projection P-28, run in Summer 2003. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

Central Kootenay
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Castlegar, Creston, Kaslo, Nakusp, Nelson, New Denver, Salmo, Silverton, Slocan

Forestry is one of the main economic drivers for this region, particularly in the Castlegar and Arrow Lakes areas. There are several hydroelectric construction projects either underway, or planned for the near future, which should boost the employment base for this region, at least for the short term. The upgrading of the Waneta dam is already underway with the first unit completed and construction on the second unit began in 2002; as well, a $600 million expansion has been proposed. The Keenleyside dam construction is also underway. The province is investing $204 million to develop a 120-megawatt Brilliant power plant expansion near Castlegar that will provide 150 jobs and increase B.C.'s supply of renewable energy.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P28 completed in the Summer of 2003. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2002

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Central Kootenay							British Columbia	
		Firms with	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
		No Em-ployees	Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	1,893	2,243	123	62	12	2,440	100.0%	100.0%	157,421
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	197	269	11	4	0	284	11.6%	5.7%	9,047
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	11	10	1	0	0	11	0.5%	0.5%	778
22	Utilities	3	6	0	0	0	6	0.2%	0.1%	154
23	Construction	349	230	12	0	2	244	10.0%	10.7%	16,879
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	83	107	7	5	3	122	5.0%	5.6%	8,797
41	Wholesale Trade	54	73	5	0	0	78	3.2%	6.5%	10,253
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	183	314	15	11	0	340	13.9%	11.3%	17,808
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	89	143	2	1	0	146	6.0%	4.6%	7,319
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	20	33	2	1	0	36	1.5%	1.6%	2,484
52	Finance & Insurance	62	42	3	1	0	46	1.9%	3.4%	5,304
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	214	72	6	2	0	80	3.3%	4.5%	7,019
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	219	172	3	3	0	178	7.3%	11.3%	17,711
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	62	25	1	2	0	28	1.1%	2.1%	3,267
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	65	94	1	0	0	95	3.9%	4.8%	7,564
61	Educational Services	13	23	1	4	3	31	1.3%	1.2%	1,820
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	13	160	13	18	4	195	8.0%	8.6%	13,571
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	33	69	4	1	0	74	3.0%	1.8%	2,808
72	Accom. & Food Services	91	175	32	4	0	211	8.6%	7.3%	11,558
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	131	187	3	1	0	191	7.8%	7.9%	12,476
91	Public Administration	1	39	1	4	0	44	1.8%	0.5%	804

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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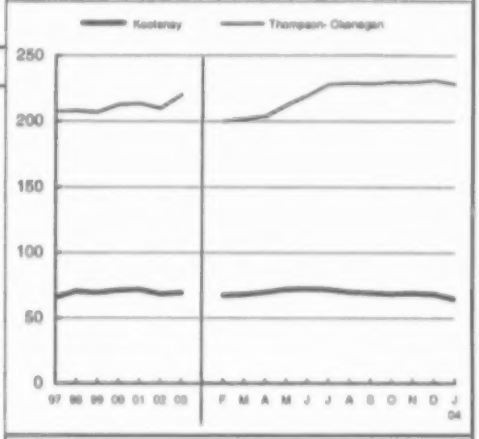
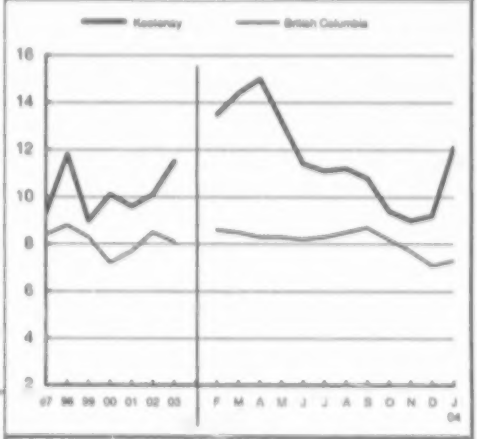
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Kootenay		Thompson-Okanagan		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %
	1994	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,754.0	9.0
	1995	69.7	8.0	194.7	10.2	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	65.7	8.7	201.1	10.4	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	65.7	9.3	207.7	8.3	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	70.6	11.8	208.2	8.2	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	69.5	9.0	207.1	9.7	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	71.2	10.1	212.7	9.2	1,949.1	7.2
	2001	71.9	9.6	213.7	9.2	1,942.4	7.7
	2002	68.3	10.1	210.0	9.3	1,973.4	8.5
	2003	69.5	11.5	220.3	8.7	2,023.3	8.1
2003	Jan	67.2	11.9	204.3	9.4	1,969.8	8.5
	Feb	67.2	13.5	200.2	9.6	1,964.3	8.6
	Mar	68.2	14.4	201.7	9.7	1,971.3	8.5
	Apr	69.8	15.0	203.7	9.8	1,987.8	8.3
	May	72.3	13.2	212.4	10.2	2,002.6	8.3
	Jun	72.4	11.4	219.8	9.5	2,017.3	8.2
	Jul	71.9	11.1	228.1	8.8	2,036.0	8.3
	Aug	69.9	11.2	229.0	8.3	2,052.7	8.5
	Sep	69.2	10.8	228.7	8.6	2,050.9	8.7
	Oct	68.6	9.4	229.7	7.9	2,051.6	8.2
	Nov	69.0	9.0	229.6	7.8	2,045.5	7.7
	Dec	68.4	9.2	231.0	7.3	2,053.8	7.1
2004	Jan	64.7	12.1	228.1	7.6	2,042.9	7.3
	Feb						
	Mar						
	Apr						
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Jan03	70.1	13.3	207.4	10.6	1,900.6	7.9
	Jan-Jan04	70.0	9.8	196.4	10.8	1,899.6	9.6
	% Change	-0.1		-5.3		-0.1	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



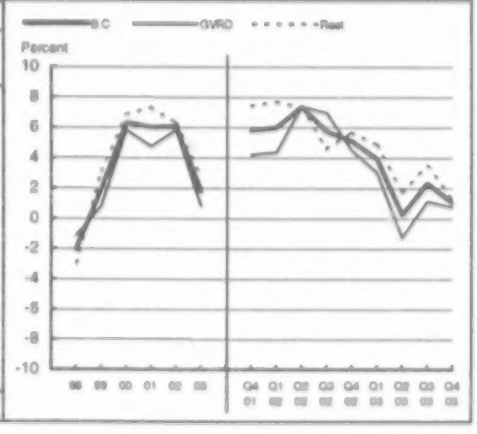
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
	2002	40,272.6	19,996.5	20,276.1	6.0	5.8	6.3
	2003	40,998.1	20,161.5	20,836.6	1.8	0.8	2.8
Quarterly data	02 4	10,746.4	5,282.7	5,463.7	5.1	4.5	5.7
	03 1	9,183.5	4,597.1	4,586.4	3.9	3.0	4.8
	03 2	10,405.9	5,160.5	5,245.4	0.2	-1.3	1.8
	03 3	10,549.5	5,081.9	5,467.6	2.3	1.1	3.5
	03 4	10,859.2	5,322.0	5,537.2	1.0	0.7	1.3

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

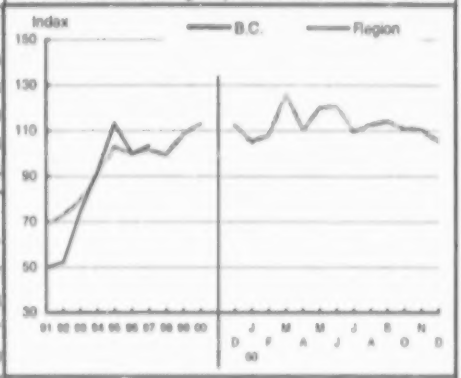
Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



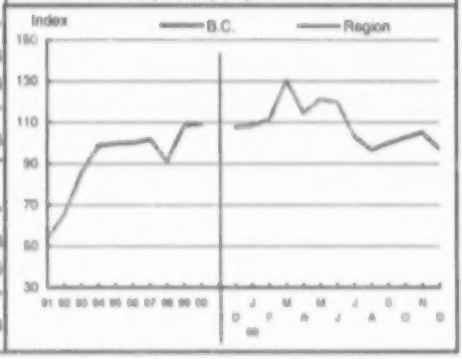
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	2	2	1	1	0
25	Wood	13	12	13	16	16
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	9	8	9	8	8
30	Metal Fabricating	2	2	4	4	3
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	29	28	33	37	34
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	224.9	**	**	**	283.7
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	218.9	233.7	259.6	252.4	275.6
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	376.6	466.3	571.3	505.5	522.0
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	1,052	**	**	**	1,126
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	1,002	852	1,002	924	1,046
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	1,740	1,577	1,743	1,635	1,846
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	42.4	**	**	**	48.3
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	40.6	35.6	45.5	40.8	46.0
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	78.1	71.5	84.4	78.1	87.4

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

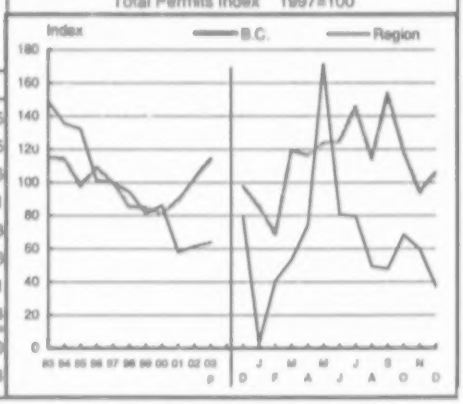


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Commercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		Units
	<-- $ Millions -->						
1996	62.8	19.7	0.7	204.8	3.1	43.1	435
1997	62.0	12.0	1.1	216.7	1.5	50.0	445
1998	58.5	18.1	4.0	139.6	5.4	40.4	356
1999	50.5	14.3	1.7	124.4	4.4	36.1	331
2000	53.4	24.0	3.9	101.8	12.0	29.4	228
2001	36.1	10.9	1.6	115.2	5.1	25.2	203
2002	38.2	11.5	2.7	88.5	0.7	26.7	161
2003 p	39.6	12.6	0.6	121.4	6.4	27.0	144
YTD Dec '02	35.5	10.7	2.4	83.4	0.7	24.8	159
YTD Dec '03	39.6	12.6	0.6	121.4	6.4	27.0	144

Total Permits Index 1997=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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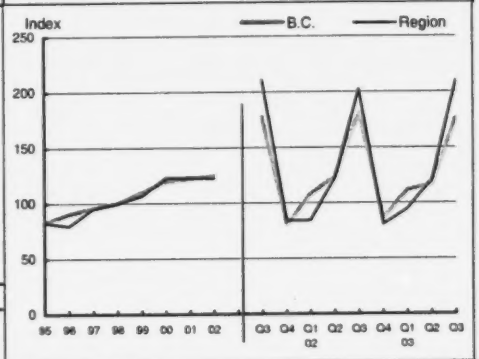
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Central Kootenay Regional District	1999	14,351.6	2,279.4	3,670.4	5,962.7	2,439.1
	2000	16,568.6	2,626.5	3,984.1	6,843.5	3,114.6
	2001	16,606.4	2,802.3	3,881.0	7,083.0	2,840.1
	2002	16,495.3	2,847.5	4,114.6	6,814.5	2,718.8
	2003	14,308.9	3,180.4	4,058.7	7,069.7	
British Columbia	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,219,898.9	335,825.8	352,914.7	531,158.4	

Central Kootenay 2002 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	16,495.3	100.0%
Hotels	9,153.3	55.5%
Motels	5,118.7	31.0%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

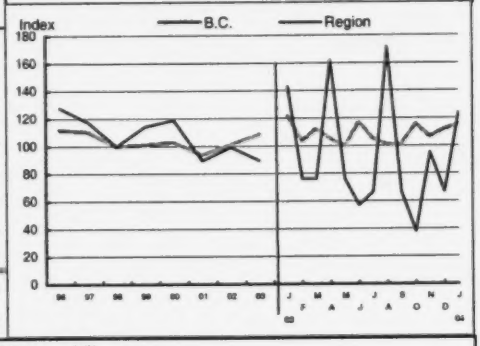


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1996	161
1997	148
1998	126
1999	144
2000	150
2001	113
2002	125
2003	113
Jan-Jan 03	8
Jan-Jan 04	12

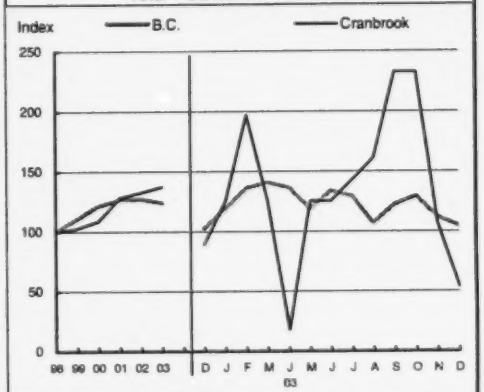
Incorporations Index 1998=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1998=100
Total = Consumer + Business



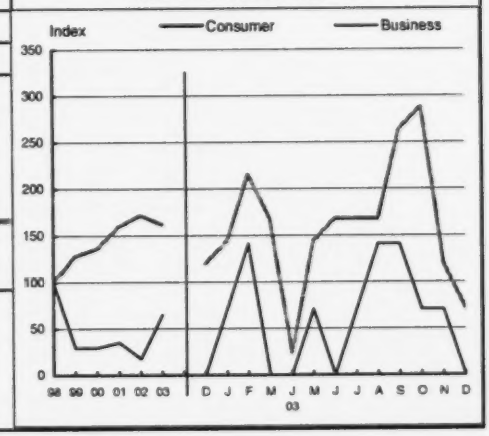
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

	Cranbrook		Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
Year	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1999	64	5	854	170	8,181	1,077
2000	68	5	983	148	9,184	980
2001	80	6	1,187	187	9,476	1,101
2002	86	3	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
2003	81	11	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
Jan-Dec 02	86	3	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
Jan-Dec 03	81	11	1,186	173	9,385	1,002

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Cranbrook Indices 1998=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

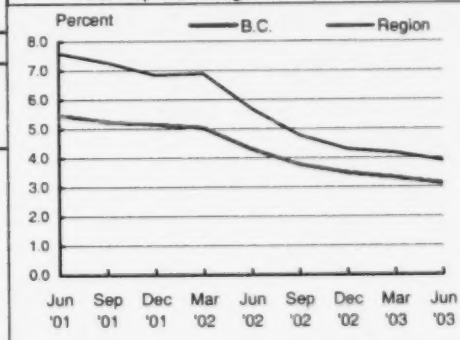
(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women Tot. Female 19-64
Central Kootenay Regional District	Mar '01	7.5	10.8	11.4	6.4	3.4
	Jun '01	7.6	11.0	10.8	6.5	3.6
	Sep '01	7.3	10.7	9.9	6.1	3.5
	Dec '01	6.8	9.7	9.2	5.9	3.2
	Mar '02	6.9	10.0	9.3	6.0	3.1
	Jun '02	5.7	8.0	6.6	5.1	2.6
	Sep '02	4.8	6.8	4.9	4.4	2.3
	Dec '02	4.3	5.9	4.2	4.0	2.0
	Mar '03	4.2	5.7	4.5	3.8	2.0
	Jun '03	3.9	5.5	3.9	3.6	1.9

Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of June '03)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	1,924	110,570
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	40.5	39.6
1-2 Years	14.8	14.7
>2 Years	44.7	45.7

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



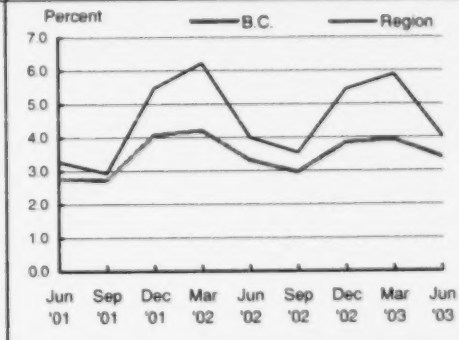
Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996.

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) Total Pop 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) Total Pop 55-64	
5.6	7.2	6.2	2.8	Mar '01
3.3	4.0	3.6	1.6	Jun '01
2.9	3.2	3.3	1.3	Sep '01
5.5	7.1	6.1	2.3	Dec '01
6.2	7.8	6.9	3.0	Mar '02
4.0	4.4	4.5	2.1	Jun '02
3.5	3.7	4.1	1.6	Sep '02
5.4	5.7	6.3	2.5	Dec '02
5.9	5.8	6.7	3.1	Mar '03
4.0	4.5	4.5	2.1	Jun '03

EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

- Data too small to release.

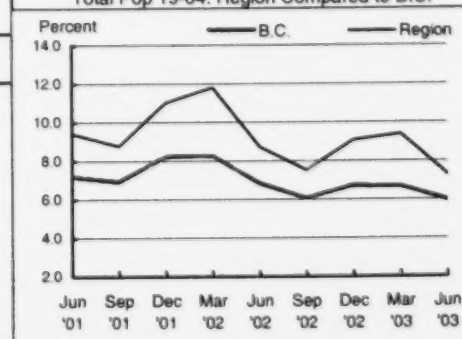
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64
Central Kootenay Regional District	Jun '01	9.4	14.5	10.0	4.4
	Sep '01	8.8	12.7	9.4	4.3
	Dec '01	11.0	16.0	11.8	5.4
	Mar '02	11.8	16.8	12.8	5.7
	Jun '02	8.7	10.9	9.5	4.8
	Sep '02	7.5	8.5	8.4	3.9
	Dec '02	9.1	9.8	10.2	4.8
	Mar '03	9.4	10.2	10.4	5.3
	Jun '03	7.3	8.3	8.0	4.2

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

Like many resource dependent regions in the province, this area had more people moving out than moving in during the mid-eighties and again over the last several years. However, net migration to this region through the mid-nineties was fairly high. The median age of the population in this region is higher than the provincial median age. This is reflected in the proportion of elderly in the population, which is higher than the corresponding provincial figure. The number of males and females is almost equal and the total fertility rate is higher than the provincial average.

14 Projection

Job losses in the resource sector will likely lead to some out-migration in the short-term. Construction activity associated with further dam upgrading and expansion will provide some employment. Over the long-term, net migration should become positive as the resource sector recuperates and the economy diversifies, more than offsetting losses due to more deaths than births. This will result in a trend towards population growth for this region over the duration of the projection period.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households (,000)	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages		Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	3.6	12.0	6.1	12.5	10.6	5.5	50.2	16.8	0.534	0.187	0.721	1976
1981	3.8	11.2	6.0	15.3	10.5	6.6	53.4	19.6	0.470	0.209	0.678	1981
1986	3.6	9.7	4.5	14.9	10.6	7.6	50.9	20.1	0.442	0.253	0.695	1986
1991	3.4	9.7	4.3	15.5	11.3	8.1	52.3	20.7	0.422	0.259	0.682	1991
1996	3.4	11.4	4.9	17.4	14.4	8.8	60.3	24.2	0.403	0.239	0.642	1996
2001	2.9	10.2	4.7	15.8	16.5	9.4	59.5	25.6	0.354	0.253	0.607	2001
2006	2.6	8.9	5.5	13.7	18.2	10.3	59.1	26.2	0.306	0.275	0.581	2006
2011	2.6	8.0	5.3	14.2	19.2	11.4	60.8	28.2	0.276	0.296	0.572	2011
2016	2.8	7.8	4.8	15.3	18.9	13.4	63.1	30.0	0.273	0.342	0.615	2016
2021	2.9	8.0	4.4	16.1	18.0	15.4	64.9	31.0	0.283	0.401	0.683	2021
2026	2.8	8.3	4.2	16.5	17.2	17.2	66.2	31.8	0.293	0.453	0.746	2026
2031	2.7	8.4	4.4	15.7	17.9	18.2	67.2	32.5	0.291	0.481	0.772	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

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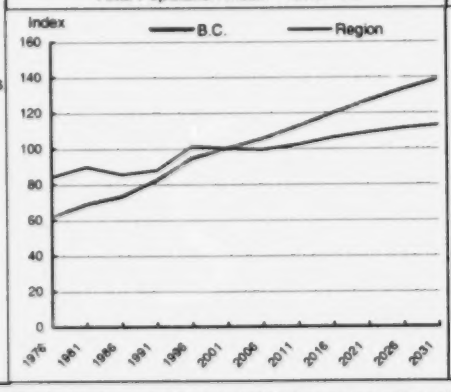

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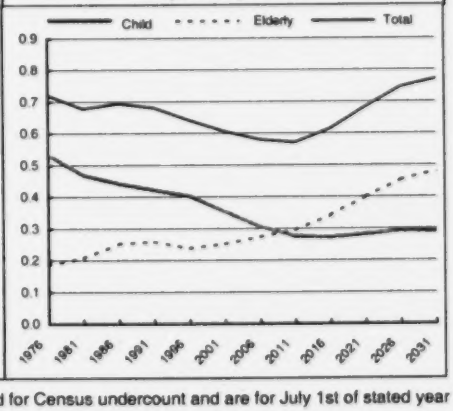

Source: Population data are Projection P-28, run in Summer 2003. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

Central Okanagan
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1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Kelowna, Lake Country, Peachland

The economy of this region is well diversified. Tourism, forestry, and agriculture all are important industries in the region. The warm climate makes this area one of the more important agricultural centres (for tree fruits and wine grapes) in the province and is one of the attractions for tourists. It also makes the region a popular retirement centre. The stability of the agricultural and tourism sectors and the popularity of the region as a retirement centre should ensure continued growth for this region. The Coquihalla highway has made this area even more popular as a tourist destination, and the improved transportation links to the Lower Mainland have enhanced the Central Okanagan as a place to locate secondary industry.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P28 completed in the Summer of 2003. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2002

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Central Okanagan							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	6,126	5,761	536	219	33	6,549	100.0%	100.0%	157,421
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	246	340	15	4	0	359	5.5%	5.7%	9,047
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	24	29	1	1	0	31	0.5%	0.5%	778
22	Utilities	17	7	1	1	0	9	0.1%	0.1%	154
23	Construction	1,216	858	66	19	0	943	14.4%	10.7%	16,879
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	248	249	44	20	6	319	4.9%	5.6%	8,797
41	Wholesale Trade	332	349	34	3	2	388	5.9%	6.5%	10,253
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	406	668	73	31	7	779	11.9%	11.3%	17,808
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	249	180	13	8	3	204	3.1%	4.6%	7,319
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	45	47	6	4	0	57	0.9%	1.6%	2,484
52	Finance & Insurance	347	231	23	10	1	265	4.0%	3.4%	5,304
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	845	289	20	11	2	322	4.9%	4.5%	7,019
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	741	578	25	6	1	610	9.3%	11.3%	17,711
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	402	172	20	6	1	199	3.0%	2.1%	3,267
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	284	292	22	9	0	323	4.9%	4.8%	7,564
61	Educational Services	44	63	6	1	2	72	1.1%	1.2%	1,820
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	56	514	35	21	4	574	8.8%	8.6%	13,571
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	84	94	23	7	2	126	1.9%	1.8%	2,808
72	Accom. & Food Services	180	276	86	51	1	414	6.3%	7.3%	11,558
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	359	505	20	4	0	529	8.1%	7.9%	12,476
91	Public Administration	1	20	3	2	1	26	0.4%	0.5%	804

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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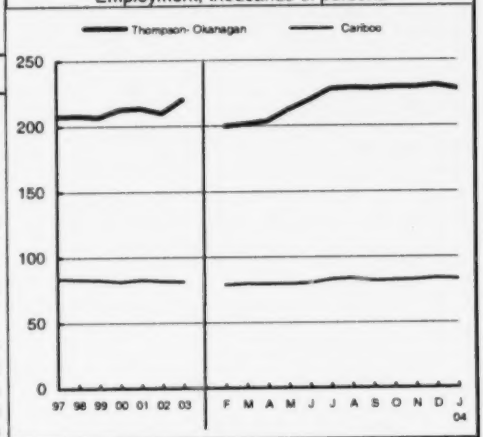
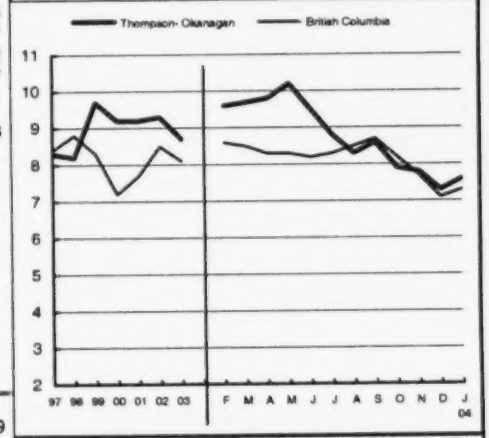
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Thompson-Okanagan		Cariboo		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %
	1994	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,754.0	9.0
	1995	194.7	10.2	80.4	9.7	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	201.1	10.4	86.8	8.6	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	207.7	8.3	84.0	9.8	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	208.2	8.2	83.3	14.5	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	207.1	9.7	82.9	11.6	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	212.7	9.2	81.5	9.9	1,949.1	7.2
	2001	213.7	9.2	83.0	9.7	1,942.4	7.7
	2002	210.0	9.3	81.9	12.6	1,973.4	8.5
	2003	220.3	8.7	81.6	11.2	2,023.3	8.1
2003	Jan	204.3	9.4	78.4	13.1	1,969.8	8.5
	Feb	200.2	9.6	79.2	13.0	1,964.3	8.6
	Mar	201.7	9.7	79.9	12.8	1,971.3	8.5
	Apr	203.7	9.8	79.8	12.5	1,987.8	8.3
	May	212.4	10.2	79.7	12.6	2,002.6	8.3
	Jun	219.8	9.5	80.4	13.0	2,017.3	8.2
	Jul	228.1	8.8	83.1	12.1	2,038.0	8.3
	Aug	229.0	8.3	83.9	10.8	2,052.7	8.5
	Sep	228.7	8.6	82.1	10.4	2,050.9	8.7
	Oct	229.7	7.9	82.4	9.8	2,051.6	8.2
	Nov	229.6	7.8	82.9	9.5	2,045.5	7.7
	Dec	231.0	7.3	84.0	8.8	2,053.8	7.1
2004	Jan	228.1	7.6	83.3	9.8	2,042.9	7.3
	Feb						
	Mar						
	Apr						
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Jan03	207.4	10.6	82.4	10.3	1,900.6	7.9
	Jan-Jan04	196.4	10.8	82.5	14.0	1,899.6	9.6
	% Change	-5.3		0.1		-0.1	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



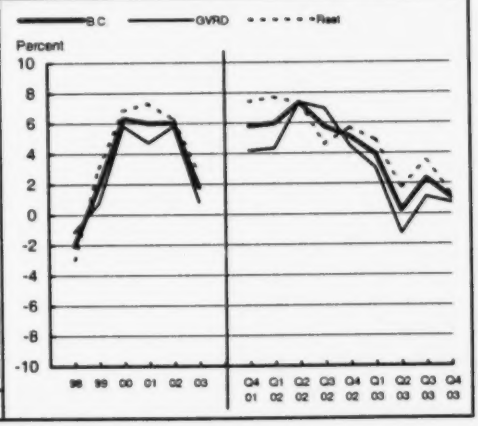
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
Annual	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
data	2002	40,272.6	19,996.5	20,276.1	6.0	5.8	6.3
	2003	40,998.1	20,161.5	20,836.6	1.8	0.8	2.8
	02 4	10,746.4	5,282.7	5,463.7	5.1	4.5	5.7
Quarterly	03 1	9,183.5	4,597.1	4,586.4	3.9	3.0	4.8
data	03 2	10,405.9	5,160.5	5,245.4	0.2	-1.3	1.8
	03 3	10,549.5	5,081.9	5,467.6	2.3	1.1	3.5
	03 4	10,859.2	5,322.0	5,537.2	1.0	0.7	1.3

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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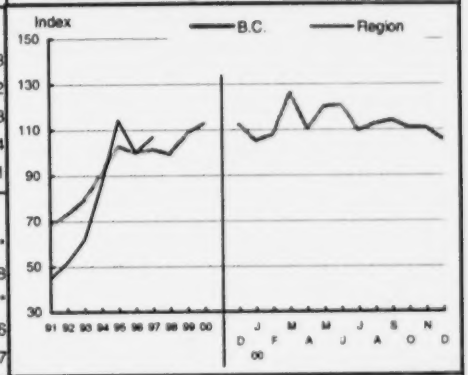
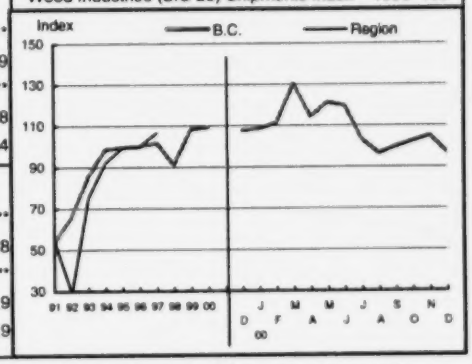
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	4	3	4	4	3
25	Wood	22	23	21	21	22
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	4	4	4	3	3
30	Metal Fabricating	17	17	18	23	24
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	104	106	122	135	131
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	153.9	189.1	203.9	205.1	218.8
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	48.0	48.3	53.5	56.1	62.6
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	640.1	890.0	1,175.9	1,031.0	1,101.7
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	1,103	1,144	991	887	999
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	553	494	546	551	598
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	4,271	4,828	5,349	4,802	5,044
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	42.1	47.8	45.6	46.7	49.8
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	16.6	15.2	18.2	19.7	20.9
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	143.6	171.3	193.3	180.7	189.9

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

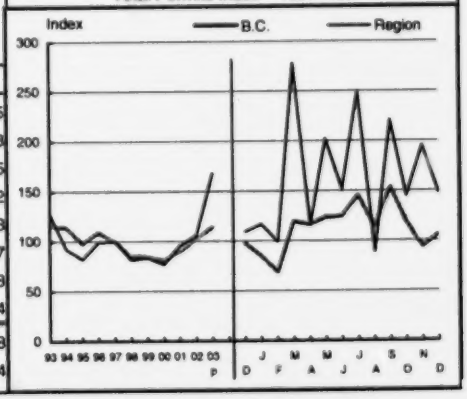


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Commercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1996	209.8	70.6	7.8	73.5	25.8	139.2	1,555
1997	210.9	63.7	13.0	83.7	15.7	147.2	1,433
1998	172.0	79.0	17.0	61.0	6.1	93.0	895
1999	176.3	78.2	8.2	68.4	38.6	98.0	962
2000	162.4	71.6	14.4	65.1	25.6	90.8	833
2001	202.2	70.2	4.0	76.5	25.6	132.0	1,027
2002	224.0	43.4	8.4	75.1	8.6	180.6	1,438
2003 p	353.6	73.9	4.5	98.8	11.9	279.7	1,914
YTD Dec '02	224.0	43.4	8.4	78.6	3.3	180.6	1,438
YTD Dec '03	353.6	73.9	4.5	98.8	11.9	279.7	1,914

Total Permits Index 1997=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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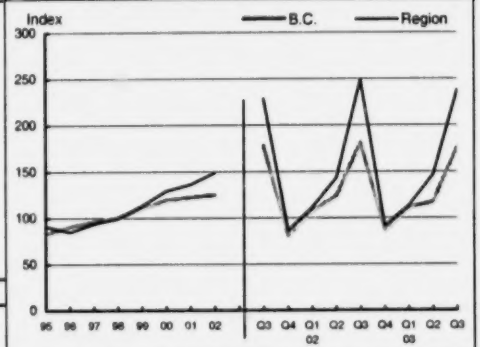
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Central Okanagan Regional District	1999	49,068.3	8,952.3	11,900.4	20,333.0	7,882.5
	2000	56,052.8	9,207.4	13,552.5	24,265.4	9,027.5
	2001	58,965.4	9,993.0	14,855.4	24,727.8	9,389.3
	2002	64,463.0	12,033.3	15,520.2	27,015.8	9,893.7
	2003	53,864.9	12,263.6	15,866.0	25,735.3	
British Columbia	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,219,898.9	335,825.8	352,914.7	531,158.4	

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100



Central Okanagan 2002 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

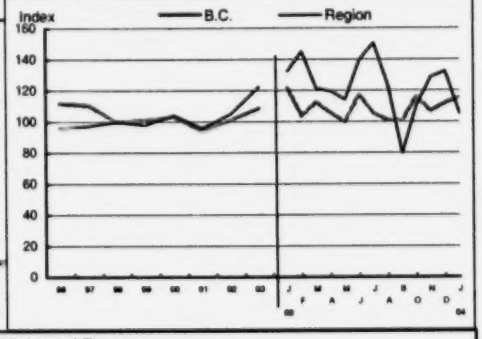
Total	64,463.0	100.0%
Hotels	42,568.4	66.0%
Motels	13,183.1	20.5%
Vacation Rentals	6,203.6	9.6%
City of Kelowna	57,275.4	88.8%
Motels	12,814.0	19.9%

Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1996	637
1997	644
1998	662
1999	649
2000	690
2001	635
2002	695
2003	811
Jan-Jan 03	80
Jan-Jan 04	83

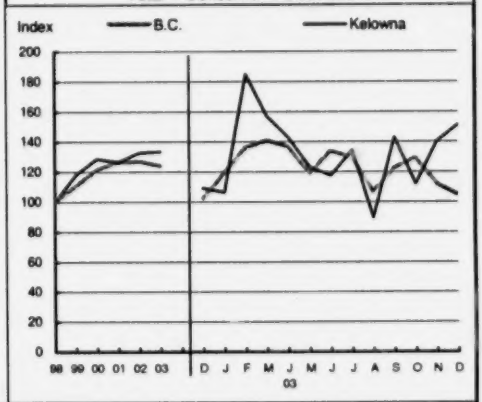
Incorporations Index 1998=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1998=100
Total = Consumer + Business



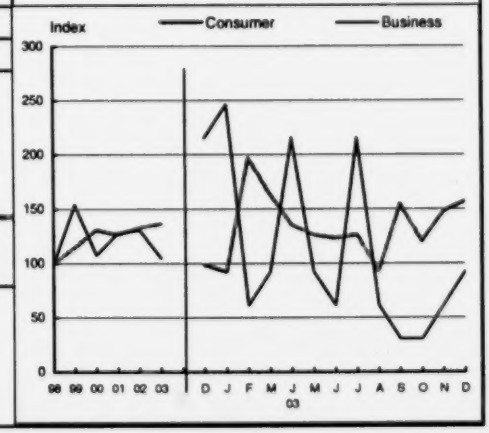
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Kelowna Consumer	Kelowna Business	Non-urban B.C. Consumer	Non-urban B.C. Business	B.C. Consumer	B.C. Business
1999	446	60	854	170	8,181	1,077
2000	509	42	983	148	9,184	980
2001	492	50	1,187	187	9,476	1,101
2002	518	51	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
2003	531	41	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
Jan-Dec 02	518	51	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
Jan-Dec 03	531	41	1,186	173	9,385	1,002

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Kelowna Indices 1998=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women
Subject Group (receiving benefits)						
Reference Group		Total Pop. 0-64	Total Pop. <19	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64
Central Okanagan Regional District	Mar '01	5.6	8.4	7.7	4.6	2.7
	Jun '01	5.3	8.2	6.9	4.3	2.7
	Sep '01	5.0	7.8	6.4	4.1	2.7
	Dec '01	4.9	7.3	6.3	4.1	2.5
	Mar '02	4.9	7.2	6.7	4.2	2.4
	Jun '02	4.0	5.9	4.9	3.4	2.0
	Sep '02	3.3	4.8	3.8	2.9	1.7
	Dec '02	3.1	4.4	3.3	2.7	1.5
	Mar '03	3.0	4.5	3.4	2.6	1.5
	Jun '03	2.9	4.2	3.3	2.5	1.5

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

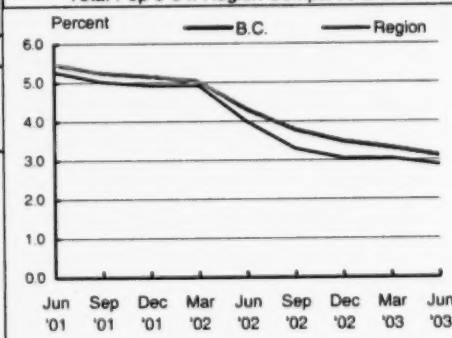
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

	Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
	Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64	
	5.1	6.1	5.6	2.6	Mar '01
	3.8	4.4	4.2	1.9	Jun '01
	3.7	3.5	4.2	1.8	Sep '01
	4.7	5.1	5.1	2.5	Dec '01
	5.2	5.5	5.8	3.0	Mar '02
	3.7	3.4	4.2	2.0	Jun '02
	3.1	2.7	3.5	1.6	Sep '02
	4.5	4.3	5.0	2.4	Dec '02
	5.0	5.0	5.5	2.7	Mar '03
	4.1	3.8	4.6	2.4	Jun '03

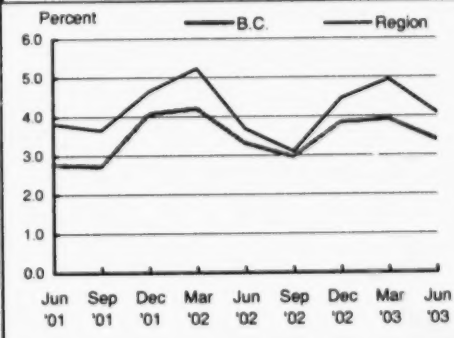
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of June '03)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	3,630	110,570
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	49.7	39.6
1-2 Years	14.5	14.7
>2 Years	35.8	45.7

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

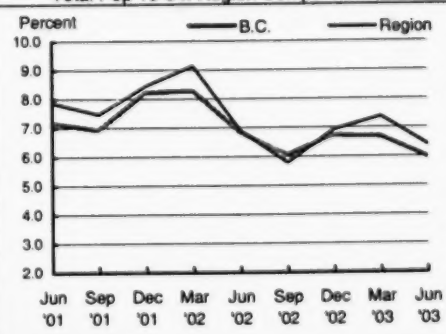
Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
Subject Group (receiving assistance)					
Reference Group		Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64
Central Okanagan Regional District	Jun '01	7.9	11.0	8.4	3.8
	Sep '01	7.5	9.6	8.1	3.7
	Dec '01	8.5	11.0	9.0	4.4
	Mar '02	9.1	11.8	9.8	4.9
	Jun '02	6.9	8.2	7.5	3.8
	Sep '02	5.8	6.4	6.3	3.2
	Dec '02	6.9	7.5	7.6	4.0
	Mar '03	7.4	8.3	8.0	4.2
	Jun '03	6.4	7.0	7.0	3.8

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

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13 Demographics

High inflows of interprovincial migrants have resulted in the population of this area more than doubling in the last 25 years. This region was one of the highest growth areas in the province through the nineties. Due to the presence of a large retirement base, the median age of the population is higher than the provincial median. Since women tend to live longer than men, this also helps explain the bias towards females in the gender ratio. The ratio of females to males is higher than the provincial ratio. The elderly dependency ratio (i.e., the ratio of those aged 65 and over to those aged 18 to 64) is higher than the ratio for the province as a whole.

14 Projection

The diversity of the economy and the pleasant climate make this area one of the more popular locations to move to in the province. This will likely continue to be the case for some time and this region can expect to continue to receive large net inflows of migrants throughout the projection period. As the population ages and fertility rates drop, deaths will exceed births. Despite the reduction in natural increase, population growth in this area will likely remain strong due to the positive net migration.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

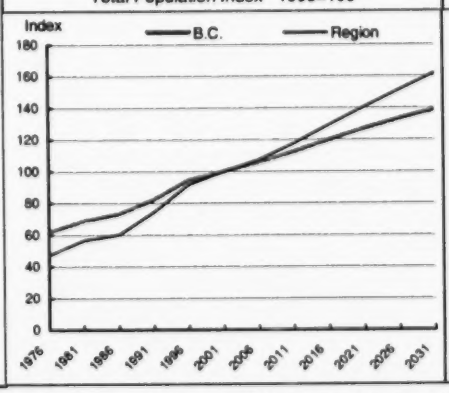
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							House-holds	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	4.6	17.3	8.4	18.2	15.3	9.0	72.9	24.4	0.524	0.215	0.739	1976
1981	5.3	17.2	10.3	23.5	18.6	12.5	87.3	31.9	0.428	0.238	0.666	1981
1986	5.6	16.0	9.5	25.8	20.4	15.5	92.8	36.4	0.388	0.278	0.667	1986
1991	7.1	19.0	9.8	34.1	24.7	20.0	114.7	44.5	0.380	0.291	0.671	1991
1996	8.3	24.0	12.1	42.5	31.2	23.9	141.9	55.8	0.377	0.279	0.656	1996
2001	7.4	25.4	13.0	42.8	38.2	27.7	154.4	63.5	0.349	0.295	0.644	2001
2006	7.1	24.5	14.7	43.3	44.9	31.1	165.6	70.4	0.308	0.302	0.610	2006
2011	7.9	24.0	15.5	47.3	52.2	34.5	181.3	79.8	0.277	0.300	0.577	2011
2016	8.7	24.8	15.7	53.5	56.8	39.8	199.4	89.7	0.266	0.316	0.582	2016
2021	9.3	26.9	15.2	58.9	60.5	46.0	216.7	98.1	0.269	0.342	0.611	2021
2026	9.7	28.9	15.9	61.7	64.1	53.3	233.6	106.1	0.272	0.376	0.648	2026
2031	9.9	30.4	17.1	62.9	69.1	60.3	249.8	114.4	0.270	0.405	0.675	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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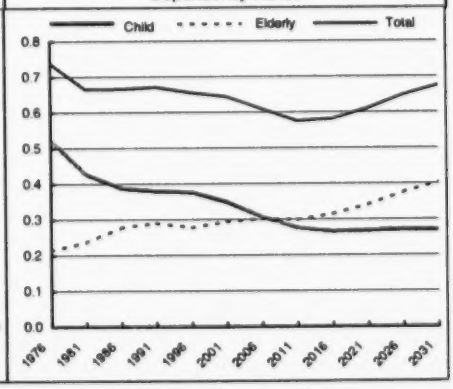

Source: Population data are Projection P-28, run in Summer 2003. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

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1 **General Economy**

Municipalities in Regional District: Golden, Revelstoke, Salmon Arm, Sicamous

The economy of this region is based on forestry, tourism and services and construction related to rail transportation and hydro facilities. In the past, the Revelstoke area was the beneficiary of several mega-projects, and as a result, received large inflows of migrants. However, once the projects were completed, many of these people moved on, suggesting the construction activity was artificially propping up the population. The Golden area has experienced a surge in population related to the construction and operation of Kicking Horse Mountain Resort, which opened during 2000. The resource sectors in this region have been struggling over the last few years with mill and mine closures occurring. There are some promising mineral deposits in the region that could lead to future mine development.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P28 completed in the Summer of 2003. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 **Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2002**

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Columbia-Shuswap							British Columbia	
		Firms with	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
		No Employees	Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	2,009	1,934	137	57	10	2,138	100.0%	100.0%	157,421
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	242	225	8	2	0	235	11.0%	5.7%	9,047
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	9	6	0	0	0	6	0.3%	0.5%	778
22	Utilities	4	2	0	0	0	2	0.1%	0.1%	154
23	Construction	375	264	5	5	0	274	12.8%	10.7%	16,879
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	90	100	8	8	5	121	5.7%	5.6%	8,797
41	Wholesale Trade	71	70	4	0	0	74	3.5%	6.5%	10,253
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	155	261	17	11	0	289	13.5%	11.3%	17,808
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	112	104	9	0	0	113	5.3%	4.6%	7,319
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	17	17	1	0	0	18	0.8%	1.6%	2,484
52	Finance & Insurance	88	34	4	1	0	39	1.8%	3.4%	5,304
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	260	77	7	3	0	87	4.1%	4.5%	7,019
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	169	127	3	0	0	130	6.1%	11.3%	17,711
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	84	28	1	1	0	30	1.4%	2.1%	3,267
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	69	81	2	1	1	85	4.0%	4.8%	7,564
61	Educational Services	9	12	1	1	3	17	0.8%	1.2%	1,820
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	15	123	10	6	1	140	6.5%	8.6%	13,571
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	32	52	6	4	0	62	2.9%	1.8%	2,808
72	Accom. & Food Services	100	183	47	12	0	242	11.3%	7.3%	11,558
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	108	164	1	0	0	165	7.7%	7.9%	12,476
91	Public Administration	-	4	3	2	0	9	0.4%	0.5%	804

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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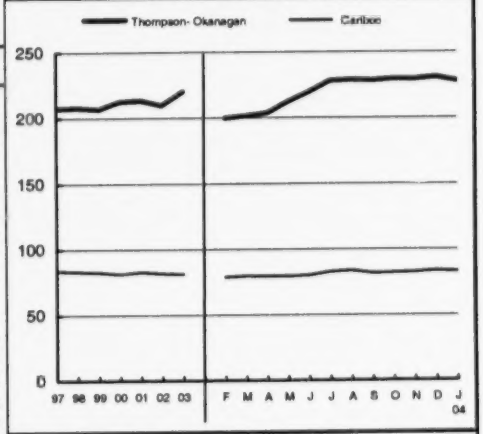
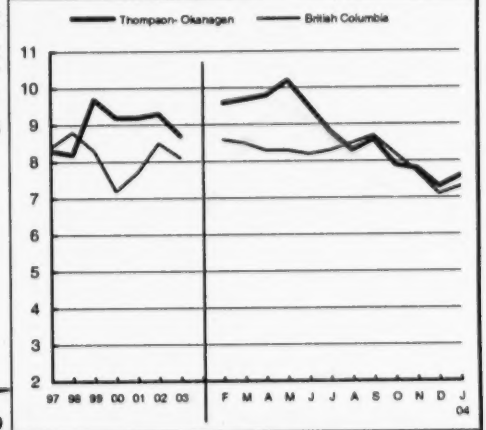
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Thompson-Okanagan		Cariboo		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %
	1994	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,754.0	9.0
	1995	194.7	10.2	80.4	9.7	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	201.1	10.4	86.8	8.6	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	207.7	8.3	84.0	9.8	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	208.2	8.2	83.3	14.5	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	207.1	9.7	82.9	11.6	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	212.7	9.2	81.5	9.9	1,949.1	7.2
	2001	213.7	9.2	83.0	9.7	1,942.4	7.7
	2002	210.0	9.3	81.9	12.6	1,973.4	8.5
	2003	220.3	8.7	81.6	11.2	2,023.3	8.1
2003	Jan	204.3	9.4	78.4	13.1	1,969.8	8.5
	Feb	200.2	9.6	79.2	13.0	1,964.3	8.6
	Mar	201.7	9.7	79.9	12.8	1,971.3	8.5
	Apr	203.7	9.8	79.8	12.5	1,987.8	8.3
	May	212.4	10.2	79.7	12.6	2,002.6	8.3
	Jun	219.8	9.5	80.4	13.0	2,017.3	8.2
	Jul	228.1	8.8	83.1	12.1	2,038.0	8.3
	Aug	229.0	8.3	83.9	10.8	2,052.7	8.5
	Sep	228.7	8.6	82.1	10.4	2,050.9	8.7
	Oct	229.7	7.9	82.4	9.8	2,051.6	8.2
	Nov	229.6	7.8	82.9	9.5	2,045.5	7.7
	Dec	231.0	7.3	84.0	8.8	2,053.8	7.1
2004	Jan	228.1	7.6	83.3	9.8	2,042.9	7.3
	Feb						
	Mar						
	Apr						
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Jan03	207.4	10.6	82.4	10.3	1,900.6	7.9
	Jan-Jan04	196.4	10.8	82.5	14.0	1,899.6	9.6
	% Change	-5.3		0.1		-0.1	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



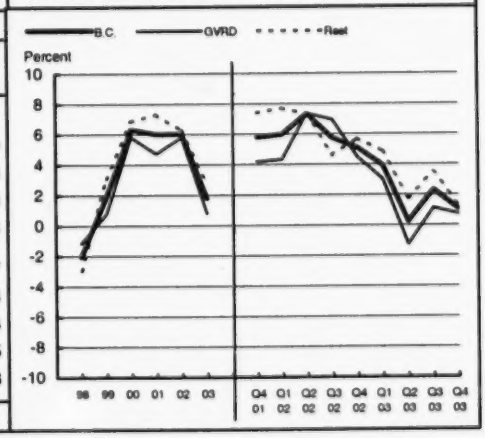
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
	2002	40,272.6	19,996.5	20,276.1	6.0	5.8	6.3
	2003	40,998.1	20,161.5	20,836.6	1.8	0.8	2.8
Quarterly data	02 4	10,746.4	5,282.7	5,463.7	5.1	4.5	5.7
	03 1	9,183.5	4,597.1	4,586.4	3.9	3.0	4.8
	03 2	10,405.9	5,160.5	5,245.4	0.2	-1.3	1.8
	03 3	10,549.5	5,081.9	5,467.6	2.3	1.1	3.5
	03 4	10,859.2	5,322.0	5,537.2	1.0	0.7	1.3

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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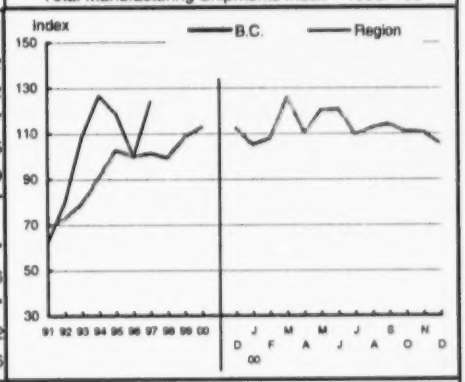
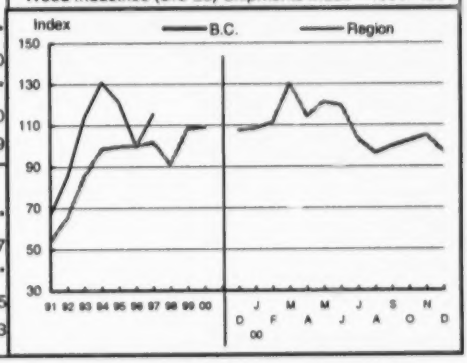
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	2	2	2	3	2
25	Wood	21	19	19	23	22
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	15	14	15	18	17
30	Metal Fabricating	5	5	6	6	5
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	45	42	48	51	49
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	6.9	**
25	Wood	294.0	337.6	312.6	257.7	297.6
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	204.9	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	3.1	3.2	3.5	4.4	4.2
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	384.0	448.0	420.2	353.8	438.6
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	20	**
25	Wood	1,415	1,429	1,322	1,145	1,230
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	952	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	37	38	39	32	40
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	1,910	2,061	1,982	1,740	1,939
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	0.7	**
25	Wood	59.4	65.9	61.7	52.0	54.7
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	39.7	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.2	1.5
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	78.2	92.1	89.8	78.7	89.3

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

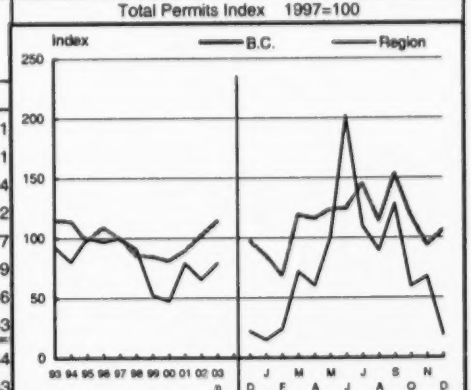


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Comm-ercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential: Units
	<-- $ Millions -->						
1996	51.9	24.6	3.3	94.4	15.0	27.2	271
1997	53.4	19.9	6.8	71.9	3.6	33.5	321
1998	48.7	34.3	1.9	68.9	10.6	14.5	94
1999	28.0	13.0	1.1	58.5	4.4	15.0	122
2000	25.4	13.6	3.0	54.7	3.1	11.7	77
2001	42.3	28.2	0.9	67.1	8.3	14.1	99
2002	35.0	15.9	4.0	83.7	4.4	19.2	146
2003 p	42.2	12.1	2.1	102.2	2.9	30.1	283
YTD Dec '02	34.7	16.0	4.0	84.1	4.4	18.7	144
YTD Dec '03	42.2	12.1	2.1	102.2	2.9	30.1	283

Total Permits Index 1997=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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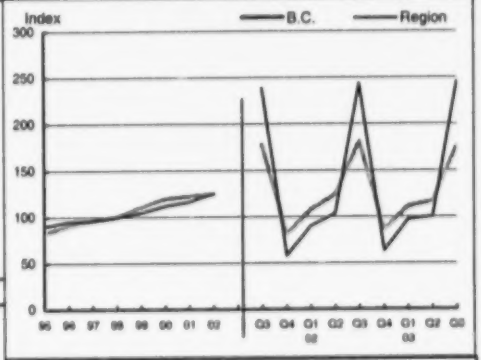
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Columbia-Shuswap Regional District	1999	28,932.7	4,166.0	6,629.2	14,863.5	3,272.0
	2000	30,961.3	4,796.3	6,345.6	16,282.1	3,537.3
	2001	32,205.4	5,028.5	6,667.4	16,488.5	4,020.9
	2002	34,657.9	6,235.0	7,155.2	16,870.3	4,397.4
	2003	30,664.0	6,730.5	6,928.2	17,005.3	
British Columbia	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,219,898.9	335,825.8	352,914.7	531,158.4	

Columbia-Shuswap 2002 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	34,657.9	100.0%
Hotels	15,384.8	44.4%
Motels	12,910.2	37.3%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

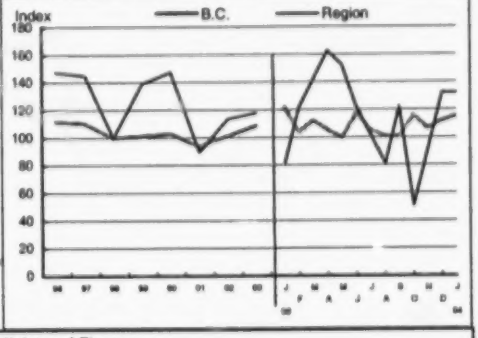


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1996	174
1997	171
1998	118
1999	164
2000	174
2001	106
2002	134
2003	139
Jan-Jan 03	12
Jan-Jan 04	9

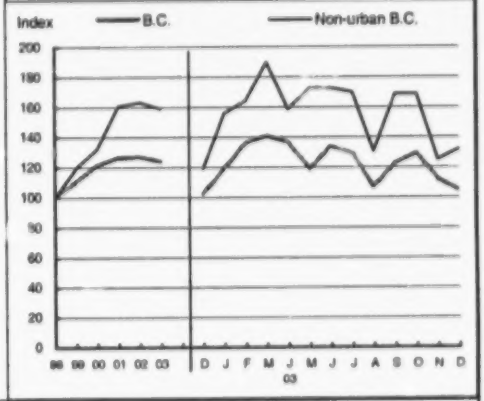
Incorporations Index 1998=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1998=100
Total = Consumer + Business



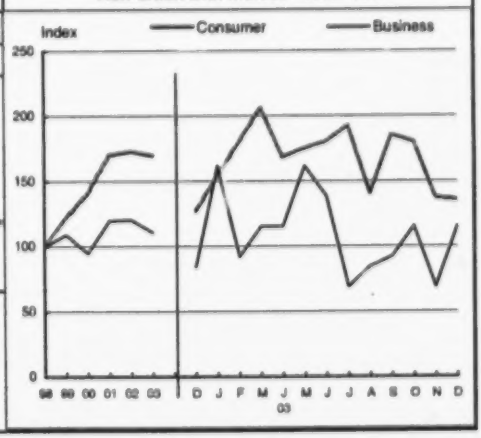
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Non-urban B.C. Consumer	Non-urban B.C. Business	B.C. Consumer	B.C. Business
1999	854	170	8,181	1,077
2000	983	148	9,184	980
2001	1,187	187	9,476	1,101
2002	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
2003	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
Jan-Dec 02	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
Jan-Dec 03	1,186	173	9,385	1,002

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Non-urban B.C. Indices 1998=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

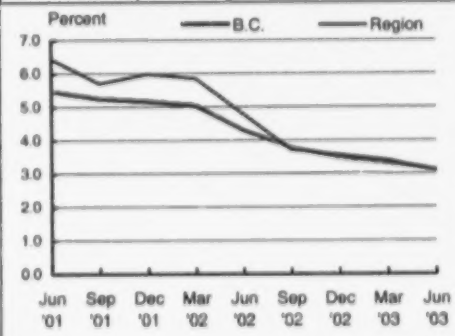
(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women Tot. Female 19-64
Columbia-Shuswap Regional District	Mar '01	6.9	10.1	10.1	5.8	3.3
	Jun '01	6.4	9.7	9.4	5.2	3.2
	Sep '01	5.7	8.8	6.9	4.7	3.2
	Dec '01	6.0	9.1	8.1	4.9	3.2
	Mar '02	5.9	8.8	7.6	5.0	3.0
	Jun '02	4.8	7.2	5.6	4.0	2.4
	Sep '02	3.7	5.3	4.3	3.2	1.9
	Dec '02	3.6	5.2	3.5	3.2	1.8
	Mar '03	3.4	4.9	3.3	3.0	1.7
	Jun '03	3.1	4.4	2.9	2.8	1.5

Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of June '03)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	1,301	110,570
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	51.6	39.6
1-2 Years	13.9	14.7
>2 Years	34.6	45.7

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996.

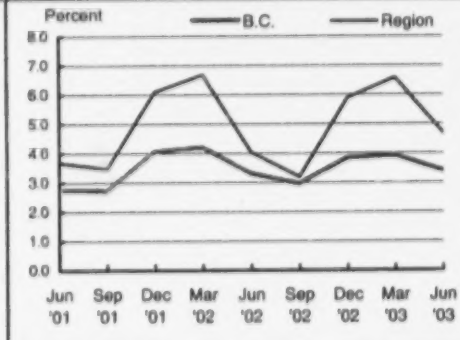
\- Data too small to release.

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64	
6.1	8.5	6.5	3.5	Mar '01
3.7	4.9	3.9	2.1	Jun '01
3.5	4.4	3.9	1.5	Sep '01
6.1	9.0	6.5	2.9	Dec '01
6.7	9.0	7.2	3.3	Mar '02
4.0	4.6	4.5	1.9	Jun '02
3.2	3.9	3.6	1.3	Sep '02
5.9	7.8	6.4	3.1	Dec '02
6.6	8.5	7.1	3.7	Mar '03
4.7	6.1	5.1	2.5	Jun '03

EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



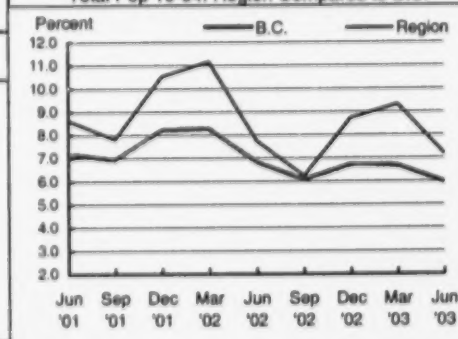
Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64
Columbia-Shuswap Regional District	Jun '01	8.6	14.2	8.9	4.4
	Sep '01	7.8	11.1	8.4	3.7
	Dec '01	10.5	16.4	11.1	5.1
	Mar '02	11.2	16.3	11.9	5.5
	Jun '02	7.8	10.1	8.4	3.9
	Sep '02	6.2	8.0	6.8	3.2
	Dec '02	8.7	11.2	9.4	4.9
	Mar '03	9.3	11.7	10.0	5.5
	Jun '03	7.2	8.9	7.8	4.2

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details.

Columbia-Shuswap
Regional District

13 Demographics

As with most resource dependant regions, there was negative net migration during the early to mid eighties and again in the late nineties. The climate of the region has been attracting retirees, particularly to the Salmon Arm area, and as a result, the median age of the region's population is higher than the provincial median. Consequently, the elderly dependancy ratio is higher than the provincail average but so is the child dependancy ratio. The total fertility rate is only slightly higher than the provincial figure.

14 Projection

Losses in the forest and mining sectors will likely dampen migration to this area somewhat, but the proximity of Salmon Arm to the Northern Okanagan, should result in spin-off growth from those areas. As a result, migration is expected to be positive ovverall, although at lower levels than those experienced in the mid-nineties. The end result should be moderate population growth over the projection period.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

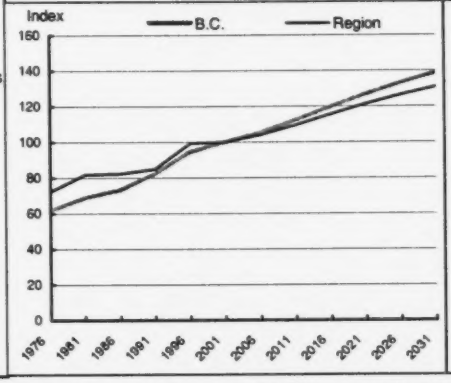
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							House-holds	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	2.7	9.6	4.6	9.6	7.1	2.8	36.4	11.5	0.576	0.131	0.707	1976
1981	3.2	9.0	5.3	11.9	8.0	3.7	41.1	14.3	0.482	0.148	0.631	1981
1986	3.0	8.1	4.3	12.7	8.5	4.8	41.4	15.6	0.439	0.188	0.626	1986
1991	3.0	8.1	3.5	13.1	9.3	5.8	42.7	16.3	0.429	0.224	0.653	1991
1996	3.0	9.5	3.8	14.9	11.7	7.1	50.0	19.4	0.411	0.233	0.644	1996
2001	2.4	9.0	4.0	13.6	13.3	8.0	50.3	20.8	0.367	0.259	0.625	2001
2006	2.1	8.0	5.1	12.7	15.4	9.1	52.4	22.6	0.306	0.276	0.582	2006
2011	2.4	7.2	5.0	13.3	16.8	10.4	55.1	25.0	0.273	0.298	0.571	2011
2016	2.6	7.1	4.5	14.7	17.2	12.0	58.2	27.0	0.268	0.329	0.597	2016
2021	2.7	7.7	4.0	16.0	17.0	13.7	61.0	28.4	0.281	0.369	0.650	2021
2026	2.6	8.2	4.0	16.5	16.7	15.6	63.6	29.4	0.292	0.421	0.712	2026
2031	2.5	8.3	4.4	15.8	17.5	17.2	65.8	30.7	0.289	0.455	0.743	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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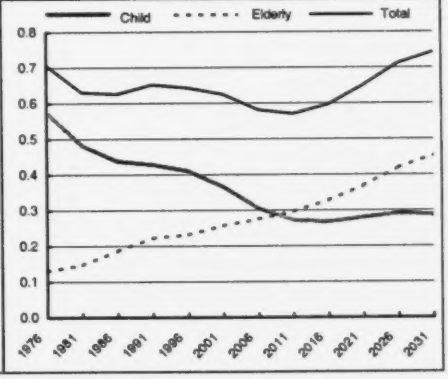


Source: Population data are Projection P-28, run in Summer 2003. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

Comox-Strathcona
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Campbell River, Comox, Courtenay, Cumberland, Gold River, Sayward, Tahsis, Zeballos

Forestry activity continues to decline yet while some mills are closing others are upgrading and or adding shifts. Raw log exports are creating jobs for loggers but trade restrictions are reducing demand for value-added products. The AAC is being reduced but old growth forest is being cut and exported as raw logs creating some jobs while taking away others. First Nations groups are playing a more active role in forestry. There are currently two major mines in the region: the Quinsam Coal Mine and the Myra Falls Mine, both near Campbell River. Developments that have had an affect on population include the closure of the pulp mill at Gold River, the closure of the Tahsis lumber mill. The pulp mill closure has had an impact on the town of Gold River and has already resulted in some population movement from the area. The Tahsis mill closure has resulted in substantial net migration outflows. The mines are not scheduled to close for some time, but when they do, there will likely be a modest population impact.

Energy generation is a growing activity with forest and mining companies working towards becoming self sufficient and in some cases may be able to sell power to the grid. Construction of generation facilities will provide some jobs, likely locally, but few people will be employed in the on going operation. Coal bed methane may begin to be tapped in the near future now that ownerships issues have been dealt with and after environmental issues have been addressed.

Agriculture has grown rapidly in recent years and has subsequently suffered from a shortage of pickers. Wild blueberries and specialty crops have found markets particularly in the pacific rim.

Tourism continues to be strong but the airport will not be expanded, at least in the short term, as had been hoped. Campbell River may see more tourism employment with cruise ships and gaming facilities proposed.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P28 completed in the Summer of 2003. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2002

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Comox-Strathcona							British Columbia	
		Firms with	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
		No Employees	Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	3,474	3,504	264	88	20	3,876	100.0%	100.0%	157,421
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	426	428	35	20	3	486	12.5%	5.7%	9,047
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	8	5	0	2	1	8	0.2%	0.5%	778
22	Utilities	2	1	0	0	0	1	0.0%	0.1%	154
23	Construction	638	400	23	5	0	428	11.0%	10.7%	16,879
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	147	151	11	6	4	172	4.4%	5.6%	8,797
41	Wholesale Trade	116	122	9	0	0	131	3.4%	6.5%	10,253
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	240	476	46	7	4	533	13.8%	11.3%	17,808
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	192	161	8	2	0	171	4.4%	4.6%	7,319
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	32	17	6	0	0	23	0.6%	1.6%	2,484
52	Finance & Insurance	137	82	10	3	0	95	2.5%	3.4%	5,304
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	416	156	8	1	0	165	4.3%	4.5%	7,019
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	356	321	2	0	0	323	8.3%	11.3%	17,711
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	184	54	2	3	0	59	1.5%	2.1%	3,267
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	144	162	8	5	0	175	4.5%	4.8%	7,564
61	Educational Services	17	33	2	1	3	39	1.0%	1.2%	1,820
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	31	316	24	9	2	351	9.1%	8.6%	13,571
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	66	74	6	0	1	81	2.1%	1.8%	2,808
72	Accom. & Food Services	134	221	49	20	0	290	7.5%	7.3%	11,558
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	188	309	8	2	0	319	8.2%	7.9%	12,476
91	Public Administration	-	15	7	2	2	26	0.7%	0.5%	804

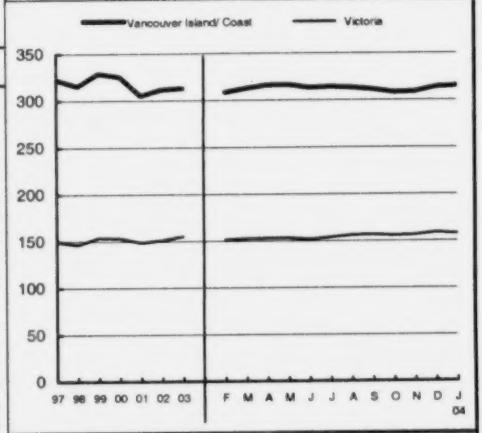
Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

Comox-Strathcona
Regional District

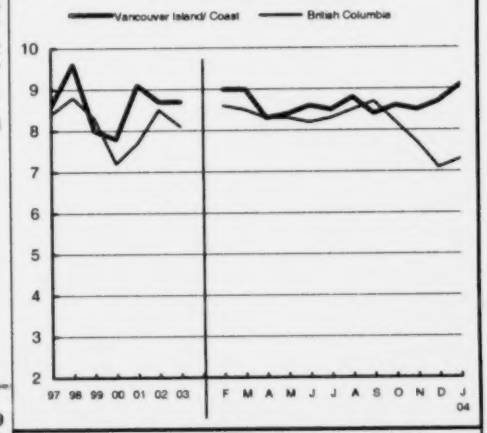
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Vancouver Island/ Coast		Victoria		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %
	1994	0.0	0.0	144.3	7.1	1,754.0	9.0
	1995	309.9	9.2	143.1	8.4	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	309.8	9.4	143.5	8.5	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	322.7	8.6	149.8	7.5	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	315.7	9.6	146.6	8.7	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	329.1	8.0	154.2	6.7	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	325.8	7.8	153.6	6.7	1,949.1	7.2
	2001	305.3	9.1	148.9	6.1	1,942.4	7.7
	2002	311.9	8.7	151.2	7.1	1,973.4	8.5
	2003	313.1	8.7	155.2	6.1	2,023.3	8.1
2003	Jan	305.1	9.1	150.1	6.5	1,969.8	8.5
	Feb	308.7	9.0	151.5	6.4	1,964.3	8.6
	Mar	313.0	9.0	152.8	6.0	1,971.3	8.5
	Apr	316.3	8.3	153.2	5.8	1,987.8	8.3
	May	316.5	8.4	153.4	6.2	2,002.6	8.3
	Jun	313.6	8.6	152.0	7.1	2,017.3	8.2
	Jul	314.4	8.5	154.2	7.2	2,038.0	8.3
	Aug	313.5	8.8	156.2	7.2	2,052.7	8.5
	Sep	311.7	8.4	156.9	6.8	2,050.9	8.7
	Oct	308.6	8.6	156.1	6.5	2,051.6	8.2
	Nov	309.0	8.5	156.7	5.5	2,045.5	7.7
	Dec	314.1	8.7	159.2	4.7	2,053.8	7.1
2004	Jan	315.3	9.1	157.9	5.2	2,042.9	7.3
	Feb						
	Mar						
	Apr						
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Jan03	291.3	9.5	143.8	7.1	1,900.6	7.9
	Jan-Jan04	305.2	11.2	151.2	8.0	1,899.6	9.6
	% Change	4.8		5.1		-0.1	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



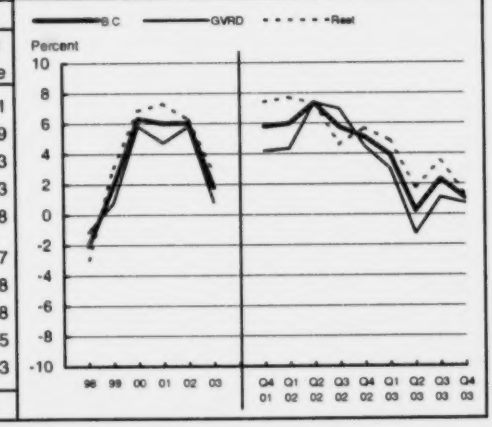
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales: B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	Percent change on year ago: B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
Annual	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
data	2002	40,272.6	19,996.5	20,276.1	6.0	5.8	6.3
	2003	40,998.1	20,161.5	20,836.6	1.8	0.8	2.8
	02 4	10,746.4	5,282.7	5,463.7	5.1	4.5	5.7
Quarterly	03 1	9,183.5	4,597.1	4,586.4	3.9	3.0	4.8
data	03 2	10,405.9	5,160.5	5,245.4	0.2	-1.3	1.8
	03 3	10,549.5	5,081.9	5,467.6	2.3	1.1	3.5
	03 4	10,859.2	5,322.0	5,537.2	1.0	0.7	1.3

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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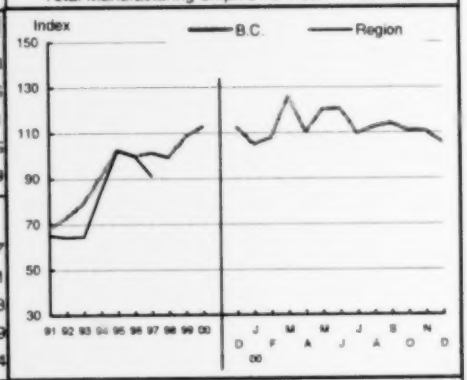
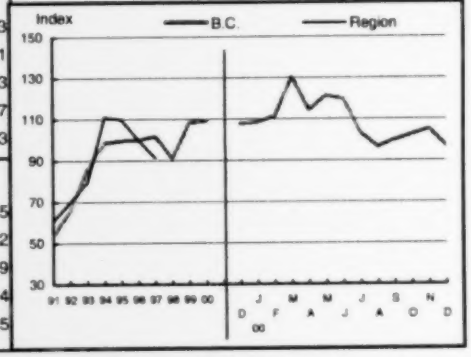
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	7	7	7	8	8
25	Wood	17	17	19	25	26
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	8	7	8	11	11
30	Metal Fabricating	9	8	5	7	5
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	58	58	68	81	79
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	36.0	**	**	**	52.7
25	Wood	230.7	322.0	319.1	290.1	265.1
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	213.2	303.6	302.2	271.9	243.8
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	9.9
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	713.9	933.2	1,131.0	1,105.0	1,006.4
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	207	**	**	**	313
25	Wood	1,135	1,145	902	920	881
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	976	966	772	792	723
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	87
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	3,419	3,460	3,195	3,189	3,533
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	6.5	**	**	**	8.5
25	Wood	51.2	55.2	50.2	49.6	42.2
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	46.2	50.0	45.7	45.6	36.9
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	3.4
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	154.4	163.1	157.0	169.8	178.5

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

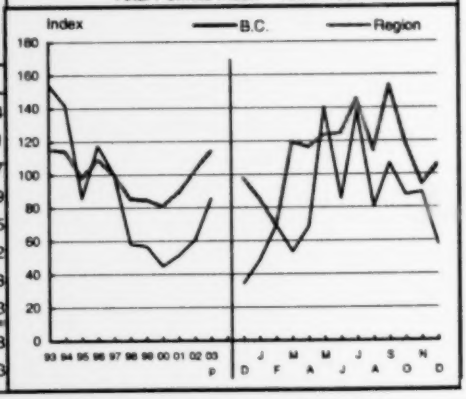


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Comm-ercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1996	159.4	65.3	7.7	159.4	30.0	94.1	884
1997	135.6	45.9	2.2	135.6	9.9	89.8	831
1998	79.0	33.9	3.9	79.0	9.7	45.1	407
1999	77.1	47.9	18.6	77.1	16.1	29.2	279
2000	60.9	35.2	3.9	60.9	21.4	25.7	145
2001	69.7	35.6	7.6	69.7	13.0	34.1	232
2002	82.4	22.5	2.5	82.4	3.9	59.9	458
2003 p	115.9	33.1	6.7	115.9	5.1	82.8	543
YTD Dec '02	82.4	22.5	2.5	82.4	3.7	59.9	458
YTD Dec '03	115.9	33.1	6.7	115.9	5.1	82.8	543

Total Permits Index 1997=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

Comox-Strathcona
Regional District

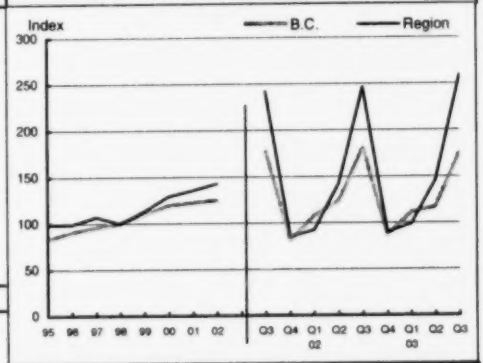
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Comox-Strathcona Regional District	1999	21,938.0	3,521.0	4,998.9	9,748.4	3,669.8
	2000	25,007.5	3,892.5	5,749.1	11,359.0	4,007.0
	2001	26,263.7	4,030.7	6,398.9	11,697.3	4,136.9
	2002	27,629.2	4,481.7	6,880.6	11,908.3	4,358.6
	2003	24,402.3	4,793.2	7,068.2	12,540.9	
British Columbia	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,219,898.9	335,825.8	352,914.7	531,158.4	

Comox-Strathcona 2002 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	27,629.2	100.0%
Fishing lodges	4,790.1	17.3%
Hotels	7,289.3	26.4%
Motels	6,786.9	24.6%
Vacation Rentals	3,611.1	13.1%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

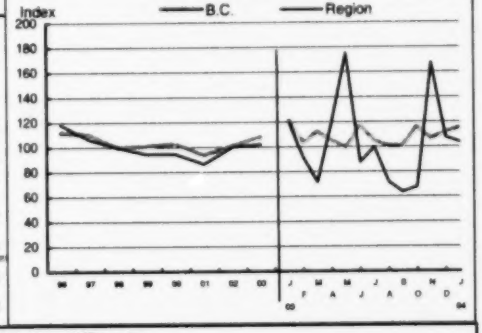


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1996	356
1997	320
1998	301
1999	285
2000	285
2001	261
2002	302
2003	308
Jan-Jan 03	23
Jan-Jan 04	23

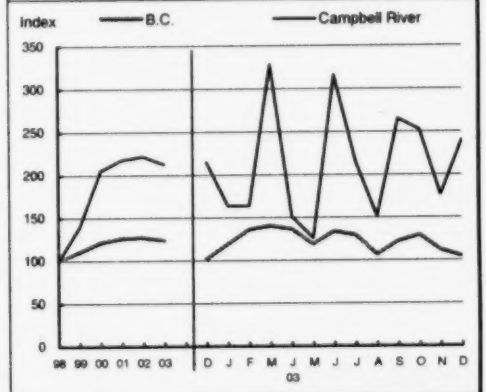
Incorporations Index 1998=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1998=100
Total = Consumer + Business



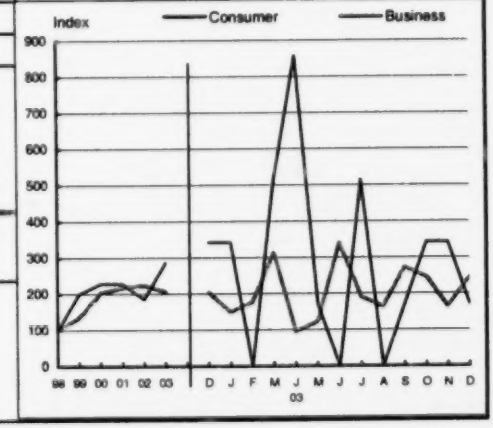
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

	Campbell River		Courtenay		B.C.	
Year	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1999	119	14	146	20	8,181	1,077
2000	179	16	173	10	9,184	980
2001	191	16	152	11	9,476	1,101
2002	198	13	170	11	9,531	1,107
2003	182	20	148	13	9,385	1,002
Jan-Dec 02	198	13	170	11	9,531	1,107
Jan-Dec 03	182	20	148	13	9,385	1,002

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Campbell River Indices 1998=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women	
Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		Total Pop. 0-64	Total Pop. <19	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64	
Comox-Strathcona Regional District	Mar '01	8.4	11.6	13.7	7.2	3.9	Mar '01
	Jun '01	8.2	11.5	13.2	6.9	3.8	Jun '01
	Sep '01	7.9	11.1	13.0	6.6	3.7	Sep '01
	Dec '01	7.9	11.0	12.8	6.6	3.7	Dec '01
	Mar '02	7.8	11.0	12.0	6.6	3.7	Mar '02
	Jun '02	6.5	9.2	9.7	5.6	3.2	Jun '02
	Sep '02	5.7	8.1	8.1	4.9	2.9	Sep '02
	Dec '02	5.3	7.4	7.0	4.6	2.6	Dec '02
	Mar '03	5.1	6.9	6.4	4.5	2.4	Mar '03
	Jun '03	4.7	6.5	5.7	4.1	2.4	Jun '03

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

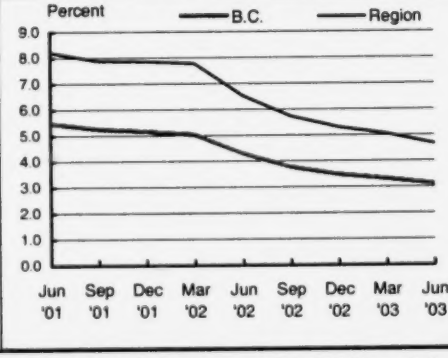
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

	Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
	Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64	
Mar '01	4.9	5.7	5.3	3.0	Mar '01
Jun '01	3.5	3.6	3.8	1.9	Jun '01
Sep '01	3.4	3.3	3.7	1.9	Sep '01
Dec '01	6.6	6.8	7.2	4.1	Dec '01
Mar '02	6.7	5.9	7.5	3.9	Mar '02
Jun '02	4.0	4.4	4.4	2.1	Jun '02
Sep '02	3.6	4.2	4.0	1.7	Sep '02
Dec '02	5.7	6.4	6.2	3.5	Dec '02
Mar '03	5.2	6.1	5.6	3.2	Mar '03
Jun '03	4.4	5.0	4.8	2.4	Jun '03

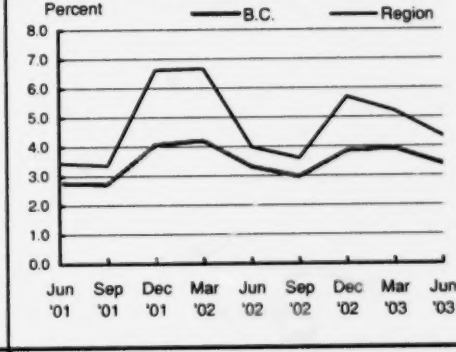
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of June '03)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	3,993	110,570
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	40.6	39.6
1-2 Years	14.9	14.7
>2 Years	44.5	45.7

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

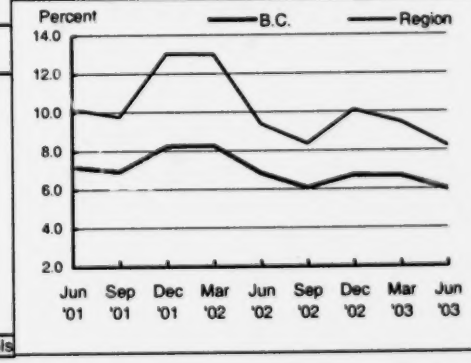
Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64
Comox-Strathcona Regional District	Jun '01	10.2	16.4	10.6	4.8
	Sep '01	9.8	16.0	10.1	4.8
	Dec '01	13.0	19.2	13.6	7.1
	Mar '02	13.0	17.6	13.9	7.0
	Jun '02	9.4	13.9	9.9	4.8
	Sep '02	8.4	12.2	8.8	4.3
	Dec '02	10.1	13.3	10.7	6.0
	Mar '03	9.5	12.5	10.0	5.6
	Jun '03	8.2	10.6	8.9	4.5

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

Comox-Strathcona
Regional District

13 Demographics

The dependence on resource industries is likely the reason for the gender bias in favour of males in this region in the past, since most of these industries tend to have male-dominated employment. However there are now more females than males. The median age of death is marginally lower than that of the province as a whole. Both the child and elderly dependancy ratios are higher than the provincial figures.

14 Projection

The diversity of the Courtenay and Campbell River areas should draw migrants to this region for most years. Downturns in the forest sector will likely continue to fuel out-migration for at least the short term. It is expected that the high pace of growth in the early to mid nineties cannot be sustained. Population growth rates will likely rise slowly for the first few years of the projection becoming moderate to the end of the forecast. Natural increase will likely decrease, gradually reducing the population growth rate.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

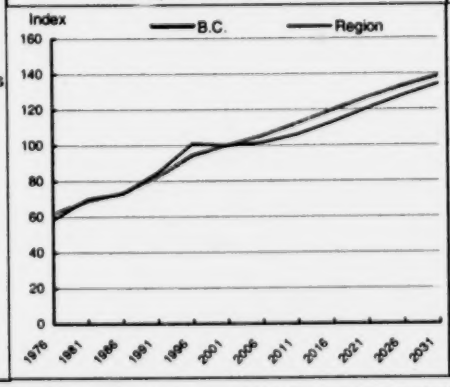
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							House-holds	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	4.6	14.9	7.6	17.1	10.6	3.8	58.6	18.4	0.555	0.108	0.663	1976
1981	5.6	15.3	9.1	22.5	12.8	5.2	70.4	24.1	0.471	0.116	0.587	1981
1986	5.7	14.7	7.5	24.6	14.3	6.7	73.6	27.7	0.440	0.145	0.586	1986
1991	6.3	16.8	6.8	28.6	17.5	9.1	85.1	32.0	0.435	0.172	0.607	1991
1996	6.5	20.2	7.9	32.6	23.3	11.1	101.5	39.4	0.417	0.173	0.591	1996
2001	5.0	18.6	7.8	28.3	27.4	13.4	100.4	41.5	0.372	0.210	0.583	2001
2006	4.2	16.2	10.1	24.8	31.6	15.2	102.1	45.0	0.306	0.229	0.535	2006
2011	4.6	14.2	9.8	25.6	34.7	17.6	106.5	49.6	0.268	0.251	0.519	2011
2016	5.4	13.8	9.0	28.9	34.8	21.4	113.4	54.0	0.264	0.293	0.558	2016
2021	5.9	15.4	8.0	32.4	34.2	25.3	121.1	57.4	0.285	0.339	0.624	2021
2026	6.0	17.2	7.9	34.3	33.5	29.5	128.4	60.1	0.308	0.390	0.697	2026
2031	5.9	18.4	9.0	33.1	35.8	32.6	134.8	63.0	0.312	0.418	0.730	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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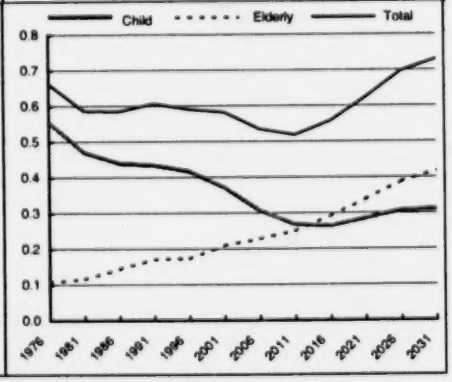


Source: Population data are Projection P-28, run in Summer 2003. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

Cowichan Valley
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Duncan, Ladysmith, Lake Cowichan, North Cowichan

The Cowichan Valley is home to many lumber processing facilities as well as the pulp and paper mill in Crofton. Agricultural activity continues to thrive but tourism and services related to the retirement community are also important. Many economic spin-offs arise from the region's location between the Capital Regional District and the Nanaimo Regional District. Nonetheless, the economic dependence on forestry makes the area vulnerable to downturns in the forest sector. The Allowable Annual Cut (AAC) was reduced by 7% to 373,000 cm in the fall of 2002. Many major industrial developments have been proposed, particularly for electrical generation which have the potential of supplying power to the grid.

There is some residential and retail building in the area but these developments are much smaller than those closer to the Greater Victoria area.

Forestry continues to have troubles as capital investment is low. The low Canadian dollar helped promote exports to China from the island in the first quarter of 2003, but the rising dollar and uncertainty regarding supply under the new forestry policy have slowed the recovery.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P28 completed in the Summer of 2003. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2002

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Cowichan Valley							British Columbia	
		Firms with	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
		No Employees	Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	2,431	2,285	159	65	12	2,521	100.0%	100.0%	157,421
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	205	206	6	6	2	220	8.7%	5.7%	9,047
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	5	7	0	0	0	7	0.3%	0.5%	778
22	Utilities	2	1	0	0	0	1	0.0%	0.1%	154
23	Construction	441	297	14	4	0	315	12.5%	10.7%	16,879
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	111	129	17	15	4	165	6.5%	5.6%	8,797
41	Wholesale Trade	93	85	6	0	0	91	3.6%	6.5%	10,253
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	212	297	27	9	1	334	13.2%	11.3%	17,808
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	96	94	5	2	0	101	4.0%	4.6%	7,319
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	18	13	2	0	0	15	0.6%	1.6%	2,484
52	Finance & Insurance	94	52	5	0	1	58	2.3%	3.4%	5,304
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	300	85	3	1	0	89	3.5%	4.5%	7,019
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	283	206	9	1	0	216	8.6%	11.3%	17,711
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	130	42	3	1	0	46	1.8%	2.1%	3,267
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	97	103	4	0	0	107	4.2%	4.8%	7,564
61	Educational Services	15	31	4	4	2	41	1.6%	1.2%	1,820
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	17	221	7	11	1	240	9.5%	8.6%	13,571
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	41	47	5	0	0	52	2.1%	1.8%	2,808
72	Accom. & Food Services	87	154	35	8	0	197	7.8%	7.3%	11,558
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	184	199	4	0	0	203	8.1%	7.9%	12,476
91	Public Administration	-	16	3	3	1	23	0.9%	0.5%	804

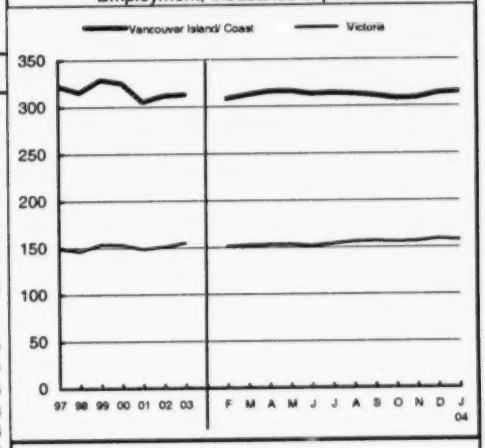
Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

Cowichan Valley
Regional District

3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Vancouver Island/ Coast		Victoria		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %
	1994	0.0	0.0	144.3	7.1	1,754.0	9.0
	1995	309.9	9.2	143.1	8.4	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	309.8	9.4	143.5	8.5	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	322.7	8.6	149.8	7.5	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	315.7	9.6	146.6	8.7	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	329.1	8.0	154.2	6.7	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	325.8	7.8	153.6	6.7	1,949.1	7.2
	2001	305.3	9.1	148.9	6.1	1,942.4	7.7
	2002	311.9	8.7	151.2	7.1	1,973.4	8.5
	2003	313.1	8.7	155.2	6.1	2,023.3	8.1
2003	Jan	305.1	9.1	150.1	6.5	1,969.8	8.5
	Feb	308.7	9.0	151.5	6.4	1,964.3	8.6
	Mar	313.0	9.0	152.8	6.0	1,971.3	8.5
	Apr	316.3	8.3	153.2	5.8	1,987.8	8.3
	May	316.5	8.4	153.4	6.2	2,002.6	8.3
	Jun	313.6	8.6	152.0	7.1	2,017.3	8.2
	Jul	314.4	8.5	154.2	7.2	2,038.0	8.3
	Aug	313.5	8.8	156.2	7.2	2,052.7	8.5
	Sep	311.7	8.4	156.9	6.8	2,050.9	8.7
	Oct	308.6	8.6	156.1	6.5	2,051.6	8.2
	Nov	309.0	8.5	156.7	5.5	2,045.5	7.7
	Dec	314.1	8.7	159.2	4.7	2,053.8	7.1
2004	Jan	315.3	9.1	157.9	5.2	2,042.9	7.3
	Feb						
	Mar						
	Apr						
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Jan03	291.3	9.5	143.8	7.1	1,900.6	7.9
	Jan-Jan04	305.2	11.2	151.2	8.0	1,899.6	9.6
	% Change	4.8		5.1		-0.1	

Employment, thousands of persons



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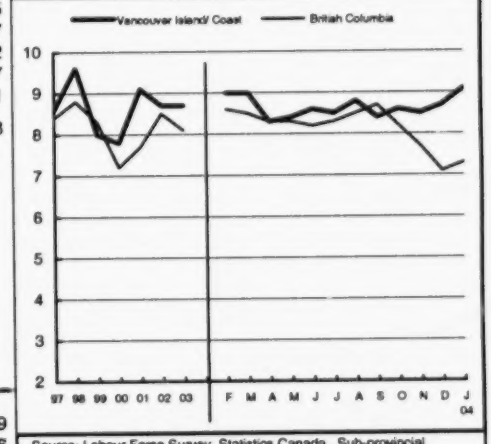


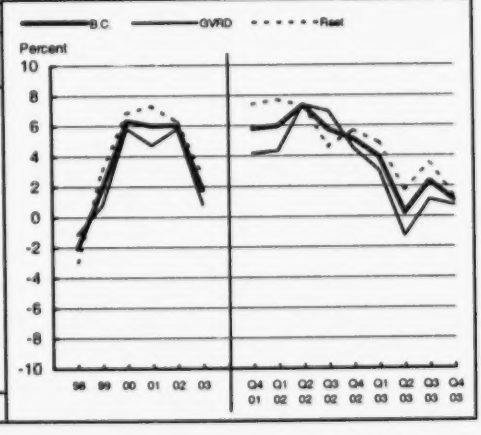
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
	2002	40,272.6	19,996.5	20,276.1	6.0	5.8	6.3
	2003	40,998.1	20,161.5	20,836.6	1.8	0.8	2.8
Quarterly data	02 4	10,746.4	5,282.7	5,463.7	5.1	4.5	5.7
	03 1	9,183.5	4,597.1	4,586.4	3.9	3.0	4.8
	03 2	10,405.9	5,160.5	5,245.4	0.2	-1.3	1.8
	03 3	10,549.5	5,081.9	5,467.6	2.3	1.1	3.5
	03 4	10,859.2	5,322.0	5,537.2	1.0	0.7	1.3

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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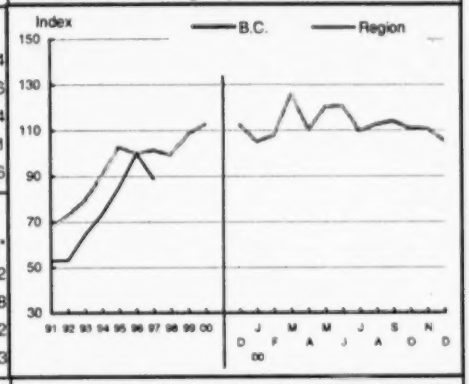
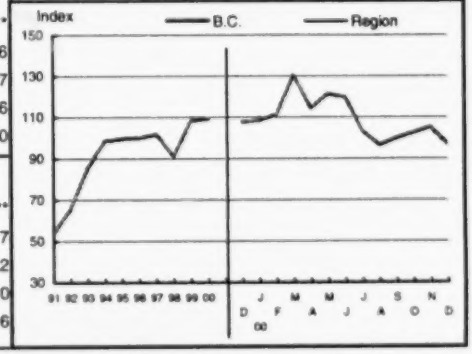
5 turing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products a

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	6	5	4	4	4
25	Wood	20	20	21	30	26
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	12	12	13	17	14
30	Metal Fabricating	8	7	9	12	11
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	49	51	54	71	66
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	580.2
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	392.9	442.0	460.9	499.2	546.8
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	14.2
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	769.2	876.5	1,017.3	1,191.8	1,058.3
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	1,496
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	1,072	1,102	1,131	1,220	1,227
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	136
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	2,859	2,943	2,898	2,952	3,330
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	73.7
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	50.4	56.5	59.1	59.9	65.2
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	5.0
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	126.1	141.0	142.1	152.3	162.6

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

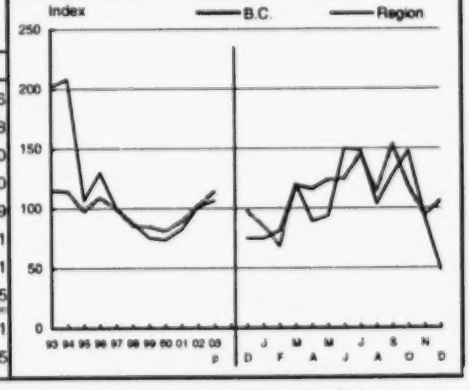


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Comm-ercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1996	90.5	20.1	1.9	90.5	11.7	70.4	786
1997	69.6	12.2	0.8	69.6	2.0	57.4	498
1998	61.2	21.2	2.4	61.2	6.8	40.0	350
1999	52.5	15.7	1.7	52.5	7.8	36.8	310
2000	51.4	23.3	3.5	51.4	14.9	28.0	179
2001	57.7	19.5	1.9	57.7	11.5	38.2	251
2002	70.8	24.2	2.6	70.8	16.3	46.6	331
2003 p	74.2	18.0	2.1	74.2	10.1	56.2	375
YTD Dec '02	70.8	24.2	2.6	70.8	15.9	46.6	331
YTD Dec '03	74.2	18.0	2.1	74.2	10.1	56.2	375

Total Permits Index 1997=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

Cowichan Valley
Regional District

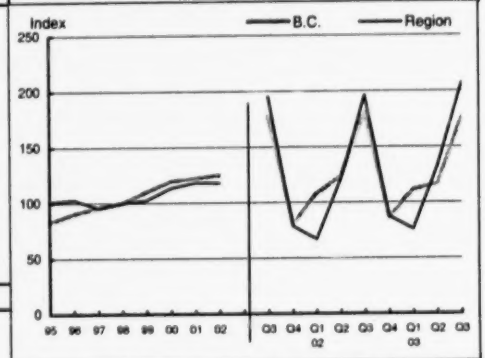
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Cowichan Valley Regional District	1999	6,623.4	941.0	1,789.0	2,767.9	1,125.6
	2000	7,324.0	932.3	2,044.3	3,007.7	1,339.7
	2001	7,641.5	1,143.2	2,078.8	3,146.3	1,273.3
	2002	7,606.5	1,081.9	1,952.5	3,157.7	1,414.4
	2003	6,700.5	1,227.9	2,136.4	3,336.1	
British Columbia	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,219,898.9	335,825.8	352,914.7	531,158.4	

Cowichan Valley 2002 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	7,606.5	100.0%
Motels	1,742.8	22.9%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

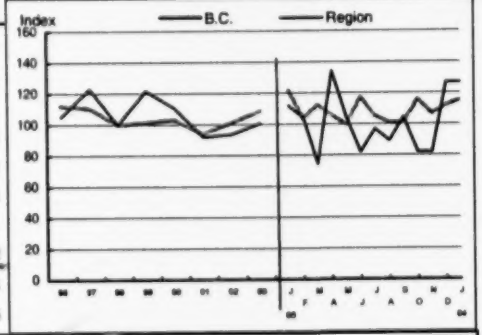


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1996	169
1997	198
1998	161
1999	196
2000	178
2001	148
2002	151
2003	162
Jan-Jan 03	14
Jan-Jan 04	15

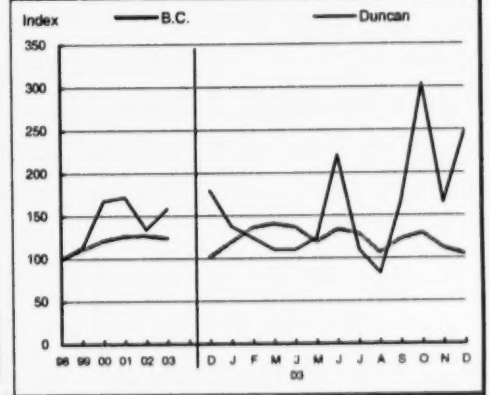
Incorporations Index 1998=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1998=100
Total = Consumer + Business



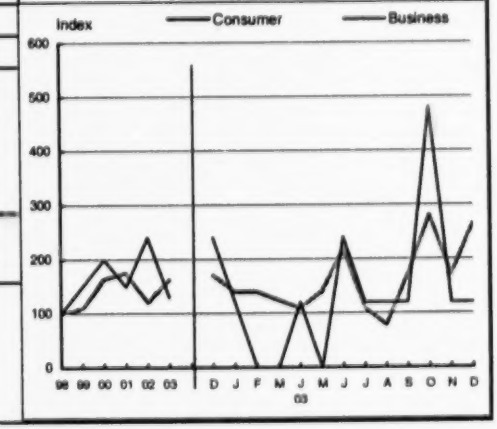
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Duncan Consumer	Duncan Business	Non-urban B.C. Consumer	Non-urban B.C. Business	B.C. Consumer	B.C. Business
1999	84	15	854	170	8,181	1,077
2000	126	20	983	148	9,184	980
2001	135	15	1,187	187	9,476	1,101
2002	93	24	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
2003	125	13	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
Jan-Dec 02	93	24	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
Jan-Dec 03	125	13	1,186	173	9,385	1,002

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Duncan Indices 1998=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women Tot. Female 19-64
Cowichan Valley Regional District	Mar '01	8.0	11.3	13.5	6.8	3.5
	Jun '01	7.7	11.1	13.1	6.4	3.5
	Sep '01	7.5	10.8	12.6	6.2	3.5
	Dec '01	7.4	10.7	12.0	6.2	3.4
	Mar '02	7.3	10.5	11.1	6.2	3.2
	Jun '02	6.4	9.4	9.4	5.5	3.0
	Sep '02	5.8	8.5	8.2	4.9	2.7
	Dec '02	5.3	7.7	6.9	4.5	2.4
	Mar '03	5.0	7.4	6.2	4.4	2.3
	Jun '03	4.7	7.0	5.6	4.0	2.2

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

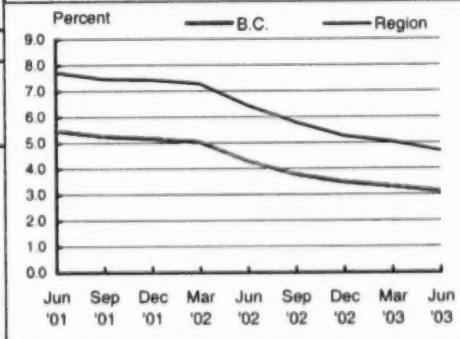
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64	
3.4	3.6	3.9	1.5	Mar '01
2.5	2.9	2.9	1.0	Jun '01
2.8	3.0	3.2	1.1	Sep '01
4.3	4.2	4.9	2.0	Dec '01
4.3	4.0	5.0	2.1	Mar '02
3.4	3.1	3.9	1.6	Jun '02
2.9	2.6	3.3	1.5	Sep '02
3.7	3.6	4.2	1.7	Dec '02
3.6	4.2	4.1	1.7	Mar '03
3.2	3.5	3.6	1.6	Jun '03

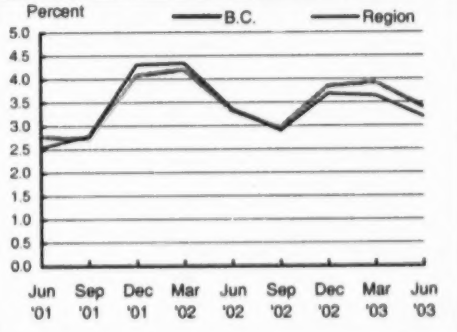
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of June '03)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	2,813	110,570
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	36.0	39.6
1-2 Years	14.5	14.7
>2 Years	49.5	45.7

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

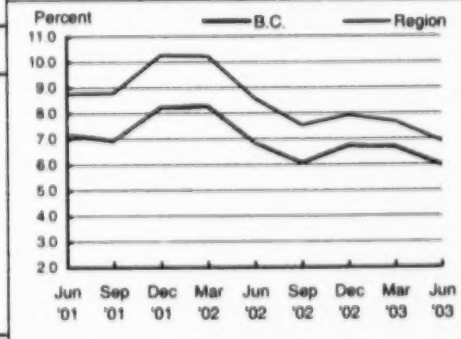
Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64
Cowichan Valley Regional District	Jun '01	8.8	15.6	9.2	3.3
	Sep '01	8.8	15.5	9.2	3.4
	Dec '01	10.3	16.0	11.0	4.4
	Mar '02	10.2	14.9	11.2	4.3
	Jun '02	8.6	12.4	9.3	3.8
	Sep '02	7.5	10.6	8.2	3.5
	Dec '02	7.9	10.5	8.7	3.6
	Mar '03	7.7	10.3	8.4	3.6
	Jun '03	6.9	9.0	7.6	3.3

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

Cowichan Valley
Regional District

13 Demographics

This region suffered substantial decreases in migration in the early eighties and again recently because of the downturn in the forest sector. Due to a growing retirement community, the median age of the population has been getting older and is higher than the provincial median age. The elderly dependency ratio (i.e., the ratio of those aged 65 and over to those aged 18 to 64) is higher in this region than for the province as a whole, but the child dependency ratio (i.e., the ratio of those aged 17 and under to those aged 18 to 64) is also higher than the provincial ratio. This is partly the result of a substantially higher fertility rate for this area compared to the province as a whole.

14 Projection

This area has benefited from spin-off growth from both Victoria and Nanaimo and will likely continue to do so. Deaths will likely begin to exceed births resulting in negative natural increase. In the short-term, forestry job losses will likely result in some out-migration. However, net migration is expected to become positive contributing substantially to population growth.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							House-holds	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	3.7	11.9	6.0	12.3	9.9	4.4	48.3	16.2	0.553	0.158	0.711	1976
1981	4.0	11.6	6.5	15.4	10.7	5.9	54.1	18.9	0.477	0.180	0.657	1981
1986	4.0	10.7	5.1	16.2	11.1	7.2	54.4	20.5	0.452	0.221	0.673	1986
1991	4.5	11.9	4.6	19.1	13.2	8.9	62.2	23.3	0.444	0.243	0.687	1991
1996	4.6	14.2	5.4	21.6	16.8	11.0	73.7	28.2	0.429	0.250	0.679	1996
2001	3.8	13.9	5.6	19.7	19.8	12.3	75.1	30.5	0.391	0.273	0.664	2001
2006	3.3	12.2	7.3	17.3	22.5	13.5	76.1	32.4	0.329	0.287	0.616	2006
2011	3.7	10.9	7.4	18.3	25.0	15.2	80.5	36.1	0.289	0.300	0.589	2011
2016	4.2	11.2	6.7	21.1	25.4	17.9	86.6	39.5	0.289	0.336	0.625	2016
2021	4.5	12.4	6.0	23.8	25.2	20.7	92.6	42.2	0.307	0.377	0.684	2021
2026	4.4	13.5	6.2	25.0	25.2	23.9	98.3	44.7	0.319	0.424	0.743	2026
2031	4.3	14.0	7.0	24.4	27.1	26.5	103.3	47.6	0.313	0.453	0.767	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

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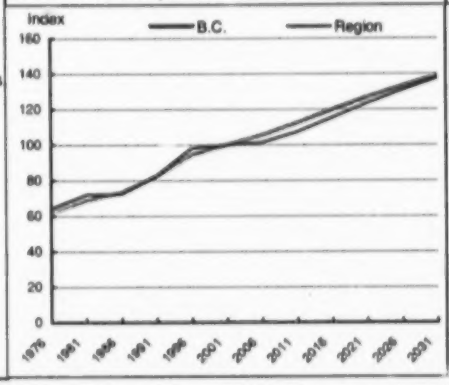

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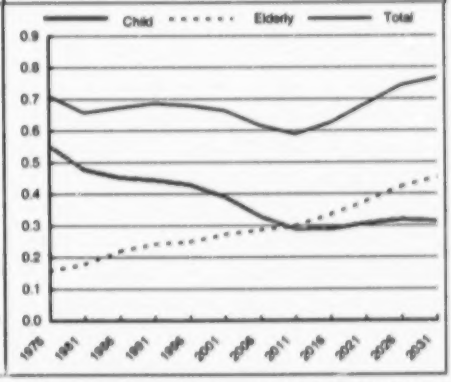


Source: Population data are Projection P-28, run in Summer 2003. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

East Kootenay
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Cranbrook, Elkford, Fernie, Invermere, Kimberley, Radium Hot Springs, Sparwood

The East Kootenay region is one of the main centres of British Columbia's coal industry. The economy of the Fernie area, in particular, is driven by the coal industry with five major coal mines located there. As a result, the region is vulnerable to fluctuations in price and demand in the coal market, which are largely determined internationally. Company mergers have resulted in major lay offs at the Line Creek mine. The Sullivan lead-zinc mine in Kimberley was, until recently, the main economic activity for the Kimberley area, and forestry is the main activity in the Cranbrook and Windermere areas. The region is becoming increasingly popular for its recreational opportunities. Several large four season resorts are being built to address demand and many others have been proposed.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P28 completed in the Summer of 2003. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2002

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	East Kootenay							British Columbia
		Firms with	Firms with Employees					With Employees	
		No Employees	Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	1,845	2,296	170	66	21	2,553	100.0%	100.0%	157,421
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	142	158	10	3	0	171	6.7%	5.7%	9,047
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	18	18	2	1	5	26	1.0%	0.5%	778
22	Utilities	5	5	1	0	0	6	0.2%	0.1%	154
23	Construction	339	334	19	2	0	355	13.9%	10.7%	16,879
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	77	81	7	6	4	98	3.8%	5.6%	8,797
41	Wholesale Trade	66	92	12	2	1	107	4.2%	6.5%	10,253
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	174	315	20	13	1	349	13.7%	11.3%	17,808
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	82	116	8	1	1	126	4.9%	4.6%	7,319
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	9	23	4	1	0	28	1.1%	1.6%	2,484
52	Finance & Insurance	81	43	9	1	0	53	2.1%	3.4%	5,304
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	234	100	2	2	0	104	4.1%	4.5%	7,019
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	168	168	4	1	0	173	6.8%	11.3%	17,711
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	85	27	1	0	0	28	1.1%	2.1%	3,267
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	65	122	5	1	0	128	5.0%	4.8%	7,564
61	Educational Services	12	15	1	1	3	20	0.8%	1.2%	1,820
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	11	168	10	10	2	190	7.4%	8.6%	13,571
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	35	68	8	7	1	84	3.3%	1.8%	2,808
72	Accom. & Food Services	111	230	40	11	2	283	11.1%	7.3%	11,558
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	131	199	4	0	0	203	8.0%	7.9%	12,476
91	Public Administration	-	14	3	3	1	21	0.8%	0.5%	804

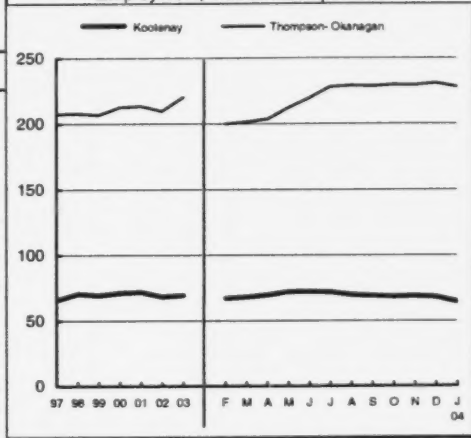
Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

East Kootenay
Regional District

3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Kootenay		Thompson-Okanagan		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
	1994	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,754.0	9.0
	1995	69.7	8.0	194.7	10.2	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	65.7	8.7	201.1	10.4	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	65.7	9.3	207.7	8.3	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	70.6	11.8	208.2	8.2	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	69.5	9.0	207.1	9.7	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	71.2	10.1	212.7	9.2	1,949.1	7.2
	2001	71.9	9.6	213.7	9.2	1,942.4	7.7
	2002	68.3	10.1	210.0	9.3	1,973.4	8.5
	2003	69.5	11.5	220.3	8.7	2,023.3	8.1
2003	Jan	67.2	11.9	204.3	9.4	1,969.8	8.5
	Feb	67.2	13.5	200.2	9.6	1,964.3	8.6
	Mar	68.2	14.4	201.7	9.7	1,971.3	8.5
	Apr	69.8	15.0	203.7	9.8	1,987.8	8.3
	May	72.3	13.2	212.4	10.2	2,002.6	8.3
	Jun	72.4	11.4	219.8	9.5	2,017.3	8.2
	Jul	71.9	11.1	228.1	8.8	2,038.0	8.3
	Aug	69.9	11.2	229.0	8.3	2,052.7	8.5
	Sep	69.2	10.8	228.7	8.6	2,050.9	8.7
	Oct	68.6	9.4	229.7	7.9	2,051.6	8.2
	Nov	69.0	9.0	229.6	7.8	2,045.5	7.7
	Dec	68.4	9.2	231.0	7.3	2,053.8	7.1
2004	Jan	64.7	12.1	228.1	7.6	2,042.9	7.3
	Feb						
	Mar						
	Apr						
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Jan03	70.1	13.3	207.4	10.6	1,900.6	7.9
	Jan-Jan04	70.0	9.8	196.4	10.8	1,899.6	9.6
	% Change	-0.1		-5.3		-0.1	

Employment, thousands of persons



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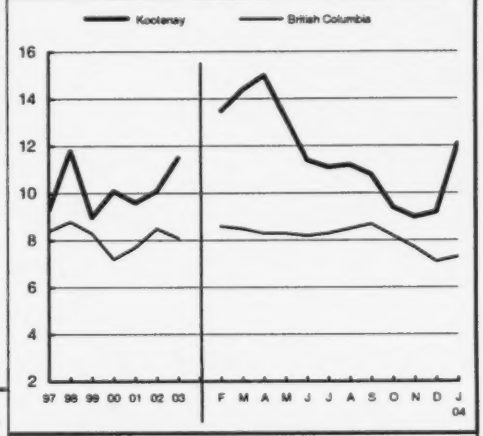


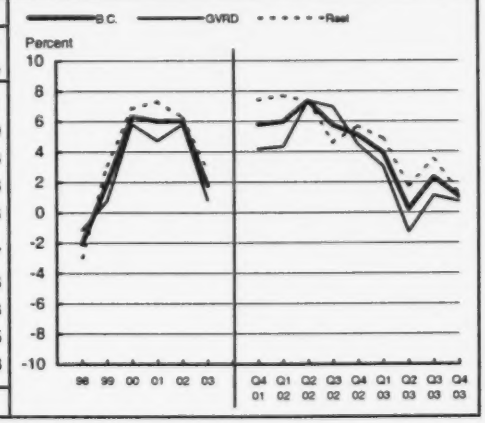
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales: B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	Percent change on year ago: B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
Annual	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
data	2002	40,272.6	19,996.5	20,276.1	6.0	5.8	6.3
	2003	40,998.1	20,161.5	20,836.6	1.8	0.8	2.8
	02 4	10,746.4	5,282.7	5,463.7	5.1	4.5	5.7
Quarterly	03 1	9,183.5	4,597.1	4,586.4	3.9	3.0	4.8
data	03 2	10,405.9	5,160.5	5,245.4	0.2	-1.3	1.8
	03 3	10,549.5	5,081.9	5,467.6	2.3	1.1	3.5
	03 4	10,859.2	5,322.0	5,537.2	1.0	0.7	1.3

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year

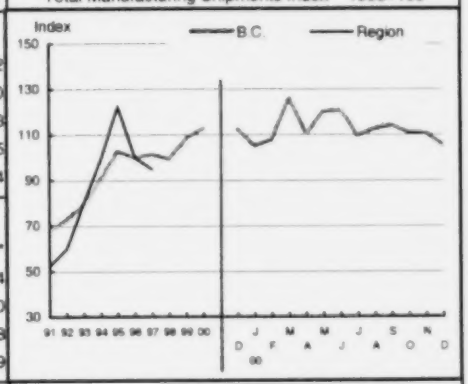


East Kootenay
Regional District

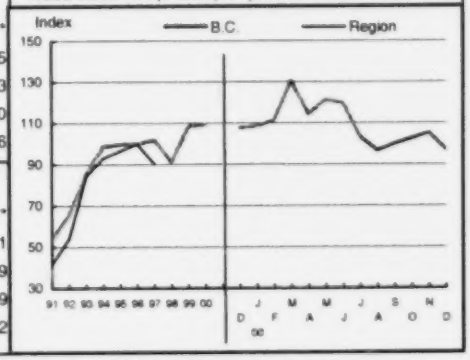
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	1	1	1	2	2
25	Wood	21	21	19	20	20
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	14	13	12	13	13
30	Metal Fabricating	4	4	4	4	5
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	42	43	50	54	54
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	323.1	356.4	**	382.7	345.4
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	293.0	322.5	351.3	340.8	331.0
30	Metal Fabricating	2.7	3.7	**	5.3	4.8
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	409.1	506.7	623.5	509.0	482.9
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	1,225	1,512	**	1,440	1,165
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	1,134	1,359	1,196	1,265	1,093
30	Metal Fabricating	28	30	**	39	70
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	1,726	2,062	1,989	2,058	1,856
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	54.0	66.5	**	66.4	63.1
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	49.1	61.0	60.6	59.5	60.9
30	Metal Fabricating	1.1	1.2	**	1.6	2.9
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	75.8	91.4	99.4	97.4	98.2

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

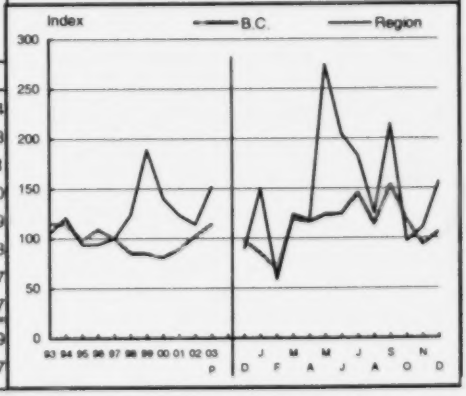


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Commercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1996	70.9	15.2	1.8	87.3	2.4	55.8	634
1997	75.2	29.8	2.4	79.9	17.5	45.4	408
1998	92.9	25.8	1.1	63.3	6.6	67.1	711
1999	142.1	57.8	4.0	46.5	5.4	84.4	710
2000	105.6	32.3	4.7	34.7	1.6	73.3	619
2001	92.9	32.6	3.4	33.2	19.1	60.4	418
2002	85.9	15.9	1.4	41.1	2.4	70.0	477
2003 p	113.9	24.8	2.4	33.3	6.8	89.2	567
YTD Dec '02	85.1	15.0	1.4	38.4	2.4	70.1	479
YTD Dec '03	113.9	24.8	2.4	33.3	6.8	89.2	567

Total Permits Index 1997=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

East Kootenay
Regional District

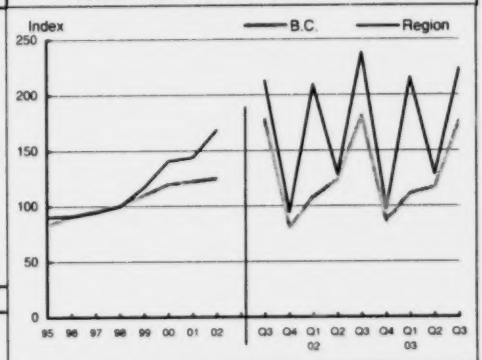
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
East Kootenay Regional District	1999	34,221.8	8,733.4	7,186.0	13,150.4	5,152.0
	2000	41,033.0	10,921.9	8,511.9	15,050.2	6,549.0
	2001	42,000.0	11,334.5	8,228.6	15,519.2	6,917.7
	2002	49,154.8	15,274.7	9,402.3	17,364.5	7,113.3
	2003	41,457.5	15,735.4	9,406.2	16,316.0	
British Columbia	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,219,898.9	335,825.8	352,914.7	531,158.4	

East Kootenay 2002 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	49,154.8	100.0%
Hotels	16,180.9	32.9%
Motels	11,679.1	23.8%
Vacation Rentals	9,462.4	19.3%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

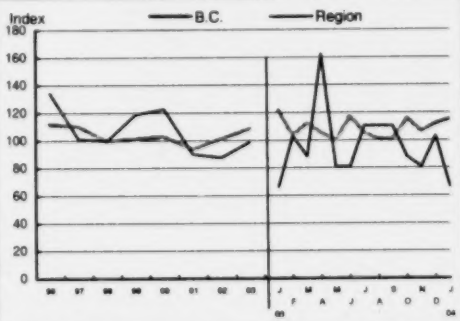


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1996	219
1997	165
1998	163
1999	194
2000	200
2001	147
2002	143
2003	161
Jan-Jan 03	14
Jan-Jan 04	21

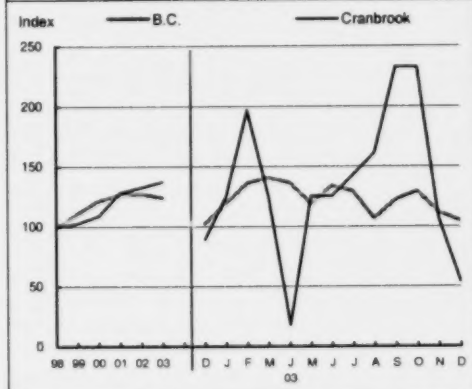
Incorporations Index 1998=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1998=100
Total = Consumer + Business



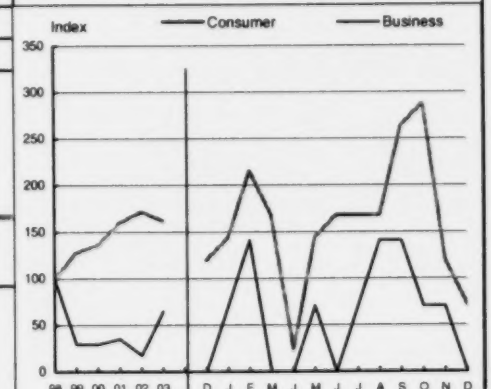
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Cranbrook Consumer	Cranbrook Business	Non-urban B.C. Consumer	Non-urban B.C. Business	B.C. Consumer	B.C. Business
1999	64	5	854	170	8,181	1,077
2000	68	5	983	148	9,184	980
2001	80	6	1,187	187	9,476	1,101
2002	86	3	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
2003	81	11	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
Jan-Dec 02	86	3	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
Jan-Dec 03	81	11	1,186	173	9,385	1,002

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Cranbrook Indices 1998=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

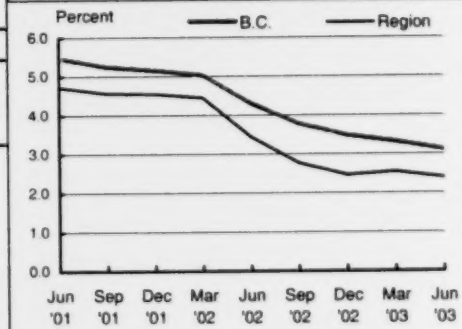
(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women Tot. Female 19-64
East Kootenay Regional District	Mar '01	4.8	7.3	7.6	3.6	2.3
	Jun '01	4.7	7.4	7.4	3.5	2.4
	Sep '01	4.6	7.4	6.5	3.4	2.5
	Dec '01	4.6	6.9	7.2	3.5	2.3
	Mar '02	4.5	6.9	6.6	3.4	2.2
	Jun '02	3.5	5.3	4.8	2.7	1.8
	Sep '02	2.8	4.3	3.5	2.1	1.4
	Dec '02	2.5	3.8	3.1	2.0	1.3
	Mar '03	2.6	3.8	3.2	2.1	1.4
	Jun '03	2.4	3.7	3.1	1.9	1.3

Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of June '03)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	1,249	110,570
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	54.8	39.6
1-2 Years	14.6	14.7
>2 Years	30.6	45.7

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



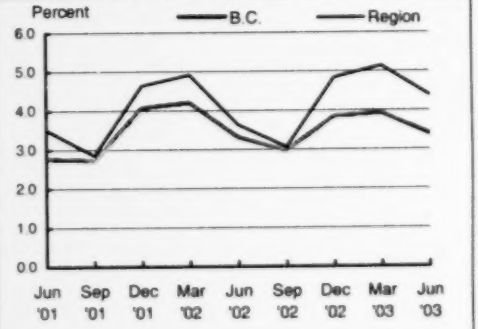
Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64	
4.7	6.8	4.9	2.4	Mar '01
3.5	4.1	3.9	1.5	Jun '01
2.9	3.6	3.1	1.1	Sep '01
4.6	6.4	5.0	2.0	Dec '01
4.9	6.0	5.3	2.5	Mar '02
3.6	4.7	4.0	1.5	Jun '02
3.1	3.4	3.4	1.4	Sep '02
4.8	6.1	5.2	2.5	Dec '02
5.1	6.2	5.5	3.1	Mar '03
4.4	4.5	4.8	2.7	Jun '03

EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

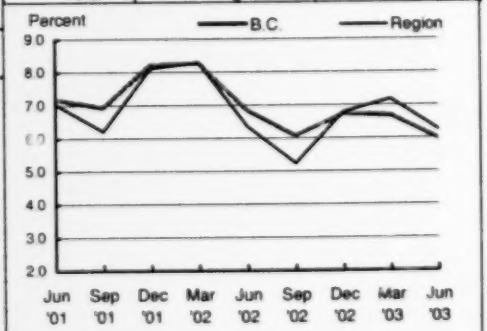
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64
East Kootenay Regional District	Jun '01	7.0	11.1	7.2	3.5
	Sep '01	6.2	9.9	6.4	3.0
	Dec '01	8.1	13.3	8.2	4.0
	Mar '02	8.3	12.2	8.6	4.4
	Jun '02	6.4	9.3	6.6	3.3
	Sep '02	5.2	6.8	5.5	3.0
	Dec '02	6.8	9.0	7.1	4.0
	Mar '03	7.2	9.3	7.5	4.5
	Jun '03	6.3	7.6	6.6	3.9

*Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



East Kootenay
Regional District

13 Demographics

The median age of the region's population is slightly higher than the provincial median, and the proportion of children in the regional population is similar to the province as a whole. The gender ratio is weighted in favour of males, likely due to the predominance of male-dominated professions in the area. Since men tend to have a shorter life expectancy than women do, it is not surprising that the median age of death in this region is lower than the provincial median.

14 Projection

The closure fo the Sullivan mine will likely continue to have a significant impact on the employment base of the area during for the next several years. Increasing productivity will likely result in more layoffs in the coal industry. Subsequent out-migration will likely be mitigated by increased construction activity and the development of four season resorts.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							House-holds	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	4.2	12.4	6.3	13.5	8.3	2.9	47.6	14.9	0.594	0.103	0.697	1976
1981	4.8	12.5	7.6	17.7	8.9	3.6	55.1	18.5	0.507	0.106	0.613	1981
1986	4.4	12.1	5.7	18.7	9.5	4.4	54.9	19.7	0.484	0.131	0.615	1986
1991	3.7	11.2	4.9	18.0	10.6	5.4	53.7	20.1	0.443	0.161	0.604	1991
1996	3.6	11.5	5.3	18.4	13.4	6.5	58.6	22.6	0.406	0.174	0.580	1996
2001	3.0	10.4	5.3	16.9	16.1	7.3	58.9	24.2	0.351	0.190	0.541	2001
2006	2.4	9.3	6.1	15.9	18.9	8.4	61.0	26.5	0.286	0.206	0.492	2006
2011	2.5	7.9	5.5	16.1	20.4	9.9	62.1	28.6	0.246	0.235	0.481	2011
2016	2.6	7.1	4.9	16.6	19.9	12.2	63.3	30.3	0.235	0.295	0.530	2016
2021	2.5	7.1	4.0	16.8	18.7	14.7	63.9	31.2	0.242	0.372	0.614	2021
2026	2.3	7.1	3.6	16.2	17.5	17.0	63.8	31.3	0.253	0.454	0.707	2026
2031	2.1	6.9	3.7	14.3	17.7	18.3	63.0	31.4	0.251	0.512	0.763	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

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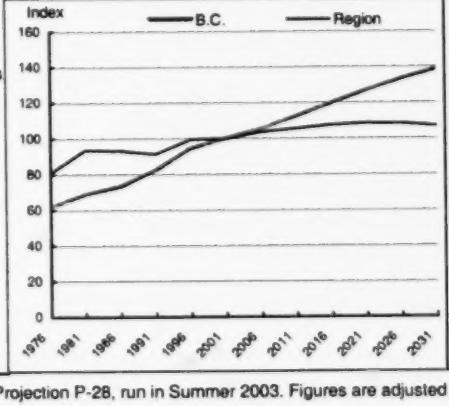

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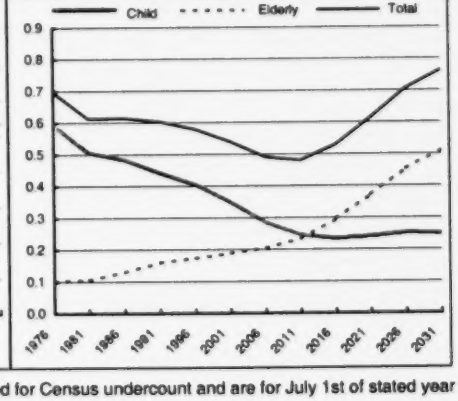

Source: Population data are Projection P-28, run in Summer 2003. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

Fraser-Fort George
Regional District

1 **General Economy**

Municipalities in Regional District: Mackenzie, McBride, Prince George, Valemount

Forestry is by far the main economic driver for this region, with tourism playing a lesser, though still important, role. Developments in the forest sector will likely drive growth in this region in the future. This area is home to many pulp mills and sawmills and it is crucial that the timber supply to this area is sustained if it is to maintain its job base. There have been some mill closures in the last couple of years in this area and there will likely be some population impacts as a result. Prince George is the main service centre of the northern interior of the province and the service sector is particularly important to the city's economy. Positioned at the junction to the North to Alaska, the South to Vancouver, the East to Alberta and the West to Prince Rupert, Prince George experiences a great deal of activity. As well, it is home to the University of Northern British Columbia.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P28 completed in the Summer of 2003. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 **Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2002**

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Fraser-Fort George							British Columbia	
		Firms with	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
		No Employees	Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	3,272	3,354	329	147	31	3,861	100.0%	100.0%	157,421
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	494	452	32	12	2	498	12.9%	5.7%	9,047
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	11	6	1	0	0	7	0.2%	0.5%	778
22	Utilities	-	2	1	0	0	3	0.1%	0.1%	154
23	Construction	504	408	34	20	0	462	12.0%	10.7%	16,879
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	108	113	24	21	14	172	4.5%	5.6%	8,797
41	Wholesale Trade	103	152	22	6	0	180	4.7%	6.5%	10,253
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	188	345	40	20	3	408	10.6%	11.3%	17,808
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	361	293	16	11	1	321	8.3%	4.6%	7,319
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	23	16	6	2	0	24	0.6%	1.6%	2,484
52	Finance & Insurance	117	78	10	3	0	91	2.4%	3.4%	5,304
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	419	133	6	2	1	142	3.7%	4.5%	7,019
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	300	278	19	3	0	300	7.8%	11.3%	17,711
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	155	45	4	1	0	50	1.3%	2.1%	3,267
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	115	127	9	6	1	143	3.7%	4.8%	7,564
61	Educational Services	15	29	1	0	3	33	0.9%	1.2%	1,820
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	27	294	30	7	3	334	8.7%	8.6%	13,571
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	28	52	4	4	1	61	1.6%	1.8%	2,808
72	Accom. & Food Services	91	164	53	23	1	241	6.2%	7.3%	11,558
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	213	352	15	3	0	370	9.6%	7.9%	12,476
91	Public Administration	-	15	2	3	1	21	0.5%	0.5%	804

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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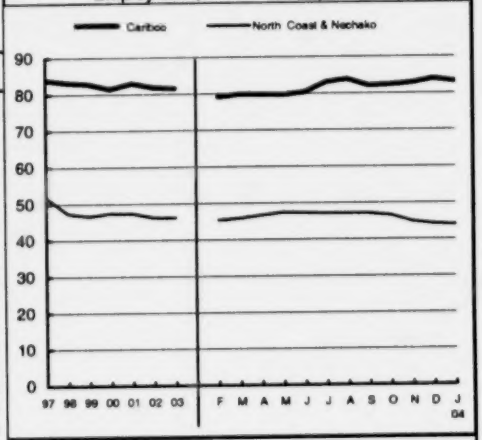
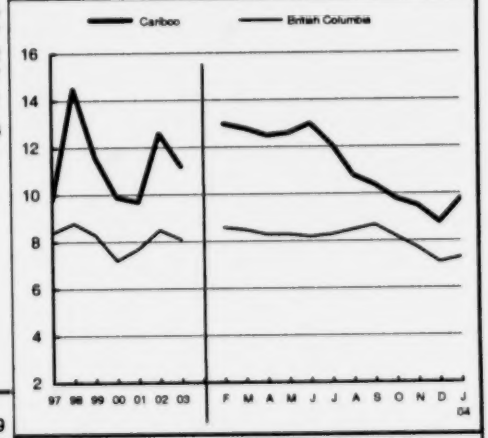
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Cariboo		North Coast & Nechako		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %
	1994	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,754.0	9.0
	1995	80.4	9.7	49.1	8.2	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	86.8	8.6	51.9	7.5	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	84.0	9.8	51.8	9.1	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	83.3	14.5	47.4	9.5	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	82.9	11.6	46.7	8.8	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	81.5	9.9	47.5	10.2	1,949.1	7.2
	2001	83.0	9.7	47.4	10.9	1,942.4	7.7
	2002	81.9	12.6	46.3	12.6	1,973.4	8.5
	2003	81.6	11.2	46.2	11.5	2,023.3	8.1
2003	Jan	78.4	13.1	45.1	11.7	1,969.8	8.5
	Feb	79.2	13.0	45.5	11.3	1,964.3	8.6
	Mar	79.9	12.8	46.0	11.4	1,971.3	8.5
	Apr	79.8	12.5	46.8	10.9	1,987.8	8.3
	May	79.7	12.6	47.5	11.2	2,002.6	8.3
	Jun	80.4	13.0	47.3	10.9	2,017.3	8.2
	Jul	83.1	12.1	47.2	11.6	2,038.0	8.3
	Aug	83.9	10.8	47.2	12.1	2,052.7	8.5
	Sep	82.1	10.4	47.2	11.4	2,050.9	8.7
	Oct	82.4	9.8	46.6	10.6	2,051.6	8.2
	Nov	82.9	9.5	44.9	10.6	2,045.5	7.7
	Dec	84.0	8.8	44.3	12.5	2,053.8	7.1
2004	Jan	83.3	9.8	44.0	13.8	2,042.9	7.3
	Feb						
	Mar						
	Apr						
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Jan03	82.4	10.3	48.6	11.6	1,900.6	7.9
	Jan-Jan04	82.5	14.0	44.5	14.5	1,899.6	9.6
	% Change	0.1		-8.4		-0.1	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



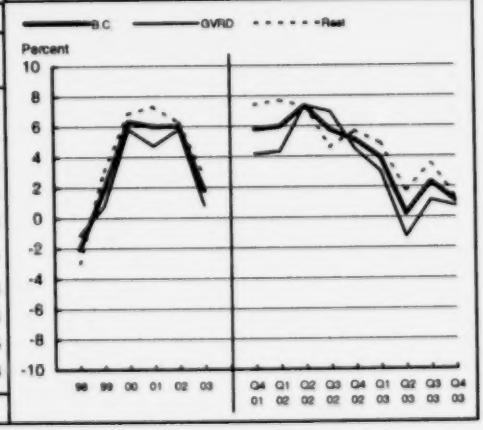
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales: B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	Percent change on year ago: B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
	2002	40,272.6	19,996.5	20,276.1	6.0	5.8	6.3
	2003	40,998.1	20,161.5	20,836.6	1.8	0.8	2.8
Quarterly data	02 4	10,746.4	5,282.7	5,463.7	5.1	4.5	5.7
	03 1	9,183.5	4,597.1	4,586.4	3.9	3.0	4.8
	03 2	10,405.9	5,160.5	5,245.4	0.2	-1.3	1.8
	03 3	10,549.5	5,081.9	5,467.6	2.3	1.1	3.5
	03 4	10,859.2	5,322.0	5,537.2	1.0	0.7	1.3

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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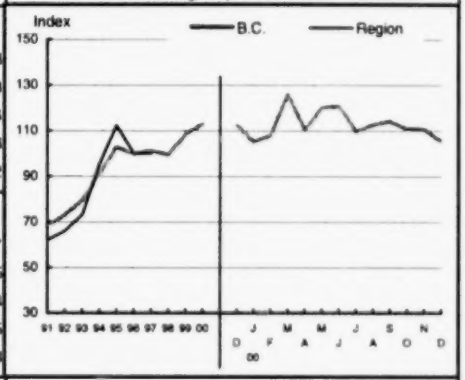
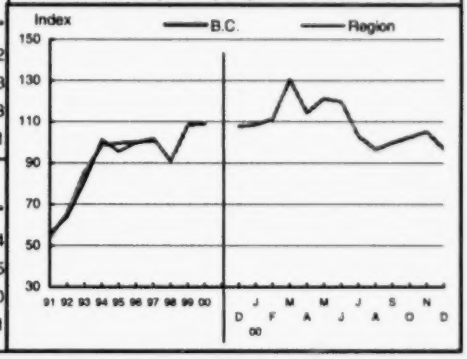
5 turing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products a

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	3	3	3	3	3
25	Wood	37	36	36	38	38
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	25	24	23	23	24
30	Metal Fabricating	20	20	20	21	23
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	104	100	102	113	112
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	1,120.6	1,402.1	1,322.0	1,382.4	1,389.5
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	1,010.3	1,279.2	1,199.9	1,270.9	1,270.4
30	Metal Fabricating	27.4	40.4	41.8	55.6	54.5
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	1,811.5	2,365.8	2,780.1	2,476.7	2,476.8
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	4,223	4,728	4,312	3,761	4,082
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	3,582	4,011	3,640	3,130	3,323
30	Metal Fabricating	238	278	284	343	468
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	7,191	7,960	7,551	6,993	7,441
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	183.7	212.2	207.0	188.4	202.4
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	160.1	186.2	180.5	164.2	176.5
30	Metal Fabricating	8.7	11.4	12.4	13.4	18.0
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	326.1	384.6	386.6	372.7	389.1

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

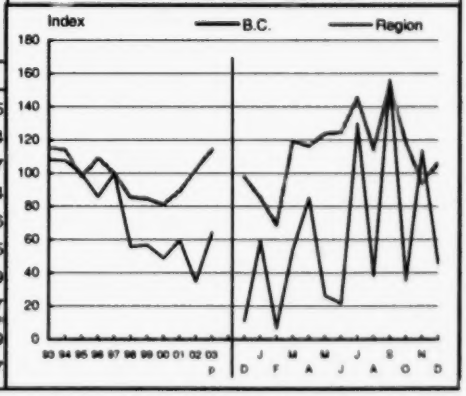


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Commercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1996	117.5	42.1	11.0	33.1	11.4	75.3	705
1997	136.8	67.6	8.5	41.3	1.5	69.1	604
1998	76.3	21.6	2.4	34.7	7.6	54.7	517
1999	77.9	43.5	8.4	26.1	28.8	34.5	244
2000	67.1	45.9	5.9	23.0	27.1	21.2	146
2001	82.0	64.8	1.0	17.8	52.9	17.2	95
2002	47.5	30.2	6.6	24.3	5.8	17.2	109
2003 p	88.1	68.7	2.5	16.1	19.8	19.4	117
YTD Dec '02	45.0	28.3	6.5	24.8	4.9	16.7	109
YTD Dec '03	88.1	68.7	2.5	16.1	19.8	19.4	117

Total Permits Index 1997=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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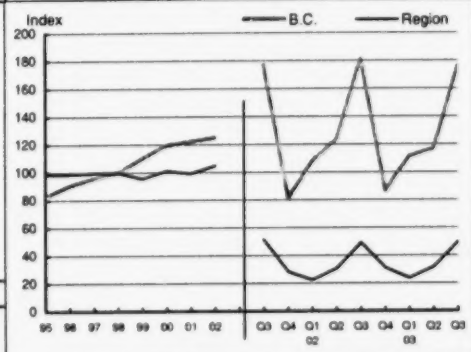
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Fraser-Ft. George Regional District	1999	8,684.3	1,401.9	2,049.1	3,377.8	1,855.5
	2000	8,443.5	1,503.7	2,143.5	3,193.5	1,602.7
	2001	8,807.0	1,435.5	2,083.8	3,412.6	1,875.1
	2002	8,843.0	1,490.5	2,034.3	3,261.7	2,056.5
	2003	6,974.1	1,579.4	2,103.9	3,290.9	
British Columbia	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,219,898.9	335,825.8	352,914.7	531,158.4	

Fraser-Ft. George 2002 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	27,679.6	100.0%
Hotels	19,472.4	70.3%
Motels	7,345.2	26.5%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

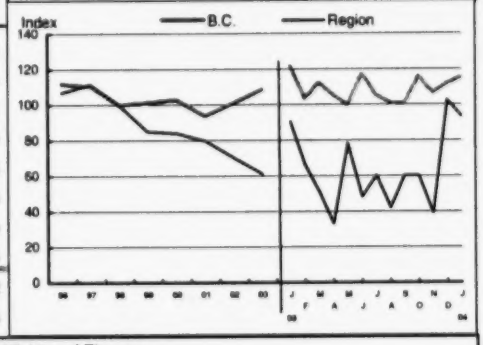


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1996	426
1997	444
1998	398
1999	339
2000	335
2001	318
2002	280
2003	244
Jan-Jan 03	22
Jan-Jan 04	24

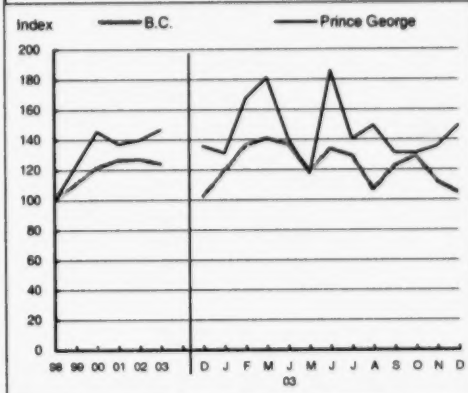
Incorporations Index 1998=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1998=100
Total = Consumer + Business



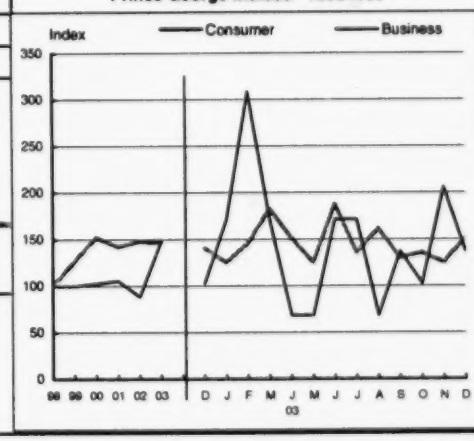
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Prince George Consumer	Prince George Business	Non-urban B.C. Consumer	Non-urban B.C. Business	B.C. Consumer	B.C. Business
1999	291	35	854	170	8,181	1,077
2000	350	36	983	148	9,184	980
2001	327	37	1,187	187	9,476	1,101
2002	340	31	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
2003	337	52	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
Jan-Dec 02	340	31	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
Jan-Dec 03	337	52	1,186	173	9,385	1,002

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Prince George Indices 1998=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

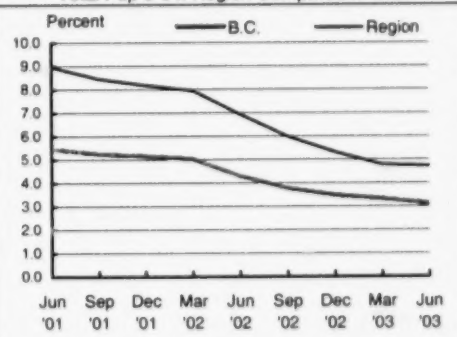
(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women Tot. Female 19-64
Fraser-Ft. George Regional District	Mar '01	8.5	11.6	14.1	6.6	4.4
	Jun '01	9.0	12.3	14.4	7.0	4.7
	Sep '01	8.5	11.8	12.9	6.6	4.5
	Dec '01	8.2	11.2	12.8	6.4	4.2
	Mar '02	8.0	11.0	12.1	6.4	4.0
	Jun '02	7.0	9.6	9.7	5.7	3.7
	Sep '02	6.0	8.3	8.2	4.9	3.1
	Dec '02	5.3	7.2	6.8	4.5	2.7
	Mar '03	4.8	6.3	6.0	4.1	2.3
	Jun '03	4.7	6.3	6.1	4.0	2.3

Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of June '03)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	4,345	110,570
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	43.2	39.6
1-2 Years	15.4	14.7
>2 Years	41.4	45.7

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



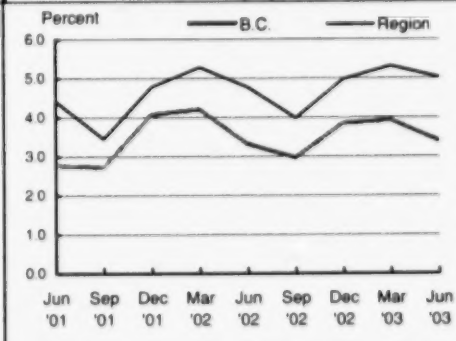
Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group / Reference Group		Working Age (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64	
Fraser-Ft. George Regional District	Mar '01	5.3	6.4	5.5	2.9	Mar '01
	Jun '01	4.4	4.9	4.7	2.7	Jun '01
	Sep '01	3.5	3.9	3.7	1.9	Sep '01
	Dec '01	4.8	5.4	5.0	2.8	Dec '01
	Mar '02	5.3	6.3	5.6	2.9	Mar '02
	Jun '02	4.8	4.7	5.2	2.9	Jun '02
	Sep '02	4.0	4.2	4.3	2.3	Sep '02
	Dec '02	5.0	5.4	5.3	3.1	Dec '02
	Mar '03	5.3	6.3	5.6	3.0	Mar '03
	Jun '03	5.0	5.2	5.4	3.2	Jun '03

EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



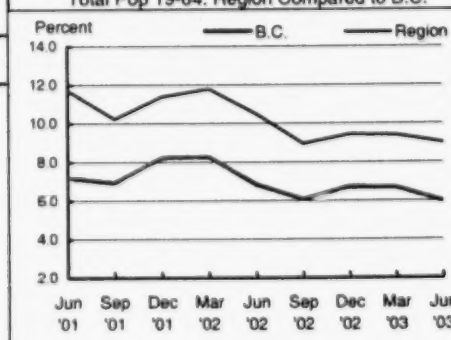
Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64
Fraser-Ft. George Regional District	Jun '01	11.7	18.8	11.4	6.3
	Sep '01	10.3	16.4	10.0	5.4
	Dec '01	11.4	17.7	11.1	6.5
	Mar '02	11.8	18.1	11.7	6.2
	Jun '02	10.5	14.2	10.7	6.0
	Sep '02	9.0	12.3	9.1	5.2
	Dec '02	9.4	12.1	9.7	5.8
	Mar '03	9.4	12.2	9.6	5.7
	Jun '03	9.0	11.2	9.3	5.7

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details.

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13 Demographics

The downturn in the forest sector in the mid-eighties and early nineties was responsible for much of the net out-migration from the area at that time. In the mid-nineties the area received large net inflows of migrants. The median age of the population in this area is lower than the provincial median, and this is reflected in the ratio of children (aged 17 and under) to working age population (aged 18 to 64), which is higher than the provincial ratio. Conversely, the ratio of elderly (aged 65 and over) to working age population is lower than the provincial ratio. The dependence on the forest sector and the male-dominated employment in the industry is likely the reason for the gender ratio that is weighted in favour of males.

14 Projection

Although forestry is the main economic driver, the economy of this area is sufficiently diversified such that it can expect to continue to receive net migration inflows over most of the projection period with the exception of the short-term. The natural increase (excess of births over deaths) is expected to be positive until the later portion of the projection period, which means the area will continue to experience overall positive growth.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

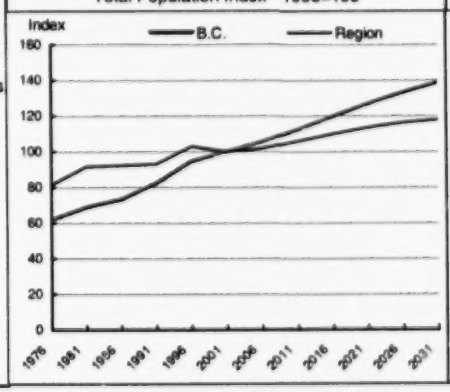
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households (,000)	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages		Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	8.3	22.9	11.9	25.9	10.4	2.3	81.7	23.7	0.649	0.047	0.696	1976
1981	8.8	22.6	13.9	31.6	12.3	2.8	91.9	29.1	0.544	0.048	0.592	1981
1986	8.4	21.3	11.7	33.3	14.3	3.6	92.5	31.0	0.501	0.060	0.561	1986
1991	7.8	20.7	10.1	33.9	16.4	4.5	93.3	32.0	0.471	0.075	0.546	1991
1996	7.6	22.0	11.1	36.5	20.3	5.8	103.2	36.3	0.436	0.085	0.521	1996
2001	6.1	20.0	10.3	32.8	24.0	7.1	100.2	38.0	0.388	0.106	0.494	2001
2006	5.0	18.0	10.8	31.0	28.5	8.7	102.1	41.2	0.328	0.124	0.452	2006
2011	5.5	15.9	10.3	31.5	31.7	11.1	106.0	45.0	0.291	0.150	0.442	2011
2016	5.8	15.0	9.7	32.5	32.5	14.5	110.2	48.5	0.279	0.194	0.473	2016
2021	5.8	15.5	8.4	33.6	32.2	18.3	113.8	50.8	0.287	0.246	0.533	2021
2026	5.6	16.2	7.9	33.4	31.8	21.7	116.5	52.0	0.299	0.297	0.596	2026
2031	5.3	16.1	8.6	31.4	32.5	24.3	118.2	53.3	0.296	0.335	0.631	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

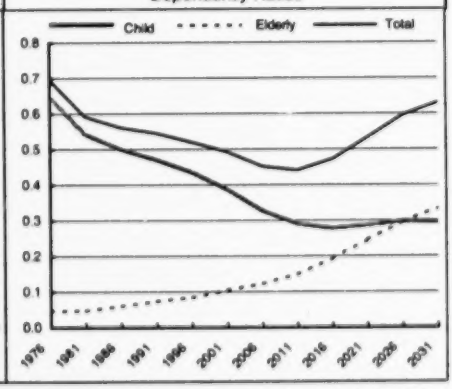
Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



Dependency Ratios



Source: Population data are Projection P-28, run in Summer 2003. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

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1 **General Economy**

Municipalities in Regional District: Chilliwack, Abbotsford, Harrison Hot Springs, Hope, Kent, Mission

In the areas of the Fraser Valley furthest from Vancouver, agriculture and forestry are the main economic activities. For the areas closer to Vancouver, the industrial base of Greater Vancouver is the main stimulus for the economy. The agreement by the municipalities in the Greater Vancouver Regional District (GVRD) on a Livable Region Strategic Plan will have consequences for this region. As the GVRD begins to put the infrastructure in place to promote its Growth Concentration Area, the recent trend of growth moving out into the Valley will likely slow considerably. Growth rates experienced in the last decade will be substantially higher than those experienced in the next.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P28 completed in the Summer of 2003. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150.
The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 **Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2002**

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Fraser Valley							British Columbia	
		Firms with	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
		No Em-ployees	Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	7,799	7,147	665	278	37	8,127	100.0%	100.0%	157,421
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	841	1,051	66	25	0	1,142	14.1%	5.7%	9,047
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	11	18	0	1	0	19	0.2%	0.5%	778
22	Utilities	9	1	1	2	0	4	0.0%	0.1%	154
23	Construction	1,707	1,017	72	12	1	1,102	13.6%	10.7%	16,879
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	296	372	71	51	3	497	6.1%	5.6%	8,797
41	Wholesale Trade	344	305	37	10	0	352	4.3%	6.5%	10,253
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	528	741	78	27	10	856	10.5%	11.3%	17,808
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	582	392	24	10	2	428	5.3%	4.6%	7,319
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	52	37	9	3	0	49	0.6%	1.6%	2,484
52	Finance & Insurance	290	169	15	17	2	203	2.5%	3.4%	5,304
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	899	271	19	8	0	298	3.7%	4.5%	7,019
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	676	553	22	8	0	583	7.2%	11.3%	17,711
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	372	121	18	8	0	147	1.8%	2.1%	3,267
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	335	315	27	14	1	357	4.4%	4.8%	7,564
61	Educational Services	65	71	6	9	4	90	1.1%	1.2%	1,820
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	53	564	41	23	6	634	7.8%	8.6%	13,571
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	97	87	13	4	0	104	1.3%	1.8%	2,808
72	Accom. & Food Services	187	373	105	36	2	516	6.3%	7.3%	11,558
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	455	652	33	8	2	695	8.6%	7.9%	12,476
91	Public Administration	-	37	8	2	4	51	0.6%	0.5%	804

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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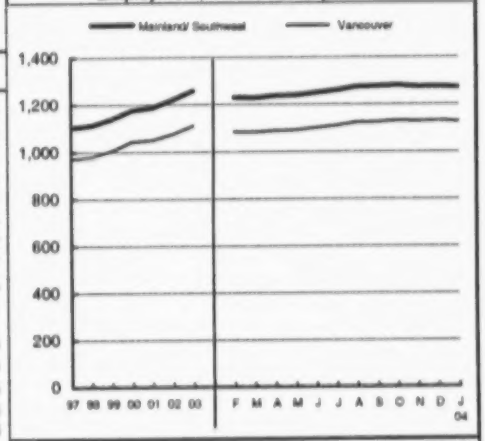
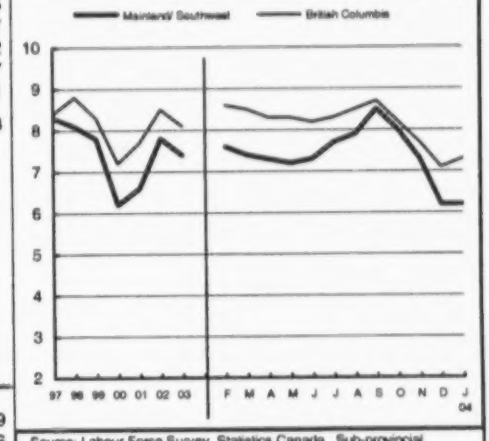
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Mainland/ Southwest		Vancouver		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %
	1994	0.0	0.0	908.9	8.6	1,754.0	9.0
	1995	1,055.8	7.9	929.6	7.9	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	1,073.4	8.3	948.6	8.0	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	1,104.0	8.3	971.3	8.3	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	1,113.4	8.1	979.6	8.1	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	1,140.1	7.8	1,005.4	7.8	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	1,177.9	6.2	1,044.5	5.9	1,949.1	7.2
	2001	1,187.9	6.6	1,051.1	6.6	1,942.4	7.7
	2002	1,221.6	7.8	1,076.2	7.8	1,973.4	8.5
	2003	1,258.6	7.4	1,110.8	7.3	2,023.3	8.1
2003	Jan	1,236.1	7.6	1,090.1	7.6	1,969.8	8.5
	Feb	1,229.7	7.6	1,084.0	7.6	1,964.3	8.6
	Mar	1,228.7	7.4	1,083.4	7.4	1,971.3	8.5
	Apr	1,238.0	7.3	1,089.9	7.3	1,987.8	8.3
	May	1,240.6	7.2	1,092.1	7.2	2,002.6	8.3
	Jun	1,250.7	7.3	1,102.0	7.2	2,017.3	8.2
	Jul	1,259.8	7.7	1,110.2	7.7	2,038.0	8.3
	Aug	1,275.8	7.9	1,123.8	8.0	2,052.7	8.5
	Sep	1,278.3	8.5	1,125.8	8.6	2,050.9	8.7
	Oct	1,281.5	8.0	1,131.3	8.0	2,051.6	8.2
	Nov	1,275.4	7.3	1,129.3	7.2	2,045.5	7.7
	Dec	1,276.7	6.2	1,131.9	6.1	2,053.8	7.1
2004	Jan	1,272.6	6.2	1,128.5	6.1	2,042.9	7.3
	Feb						
	Mar						
	Apr						
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Jan03	1,168.4	6.5	1,032.3	6.4	1,900.6	7.9
	Jan-Jan04	1,169.8	8.4	1,035.1	8.2	1,899.6	9.6
	% Change	0.1		0.3		-0.1	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



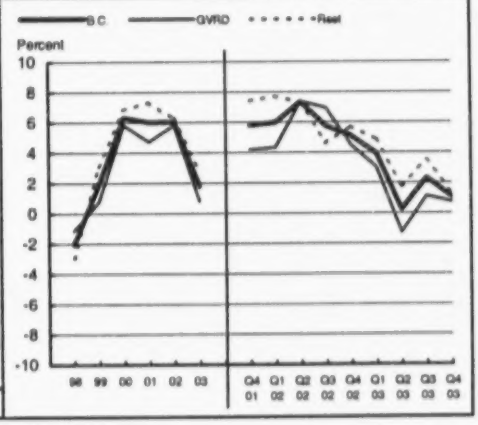
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
Annual	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
data	2002	40,272.6	19,996.5	20,276.1	6.0	5.8	6.3
	2003	40,998.1	20,161.5	20,836.6	1.8	0.8	2.8
	02 4	10,746.4	5,282.7	5,463.7	5.1	4.5	5.7
Quarterly	03 1	9,183.5	4,597.1	4,586.4	3.9	3.0	4.8
data	03 2	10,405.9	5,160.5	5,245.4	0.2	-1.3	1.8
	03 3	10,549.5	5,081.9	5,467.6	2.3	1.1	3.5
	03 4	10,859.2	5,322.0	5,537.2	1.0	0.7	1.3

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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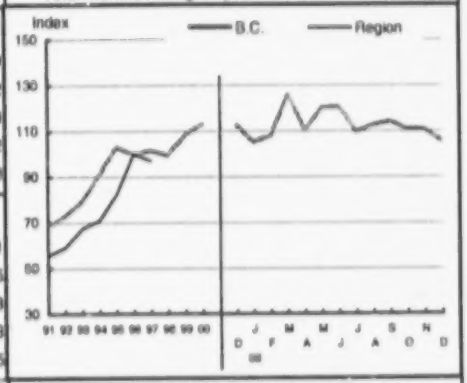
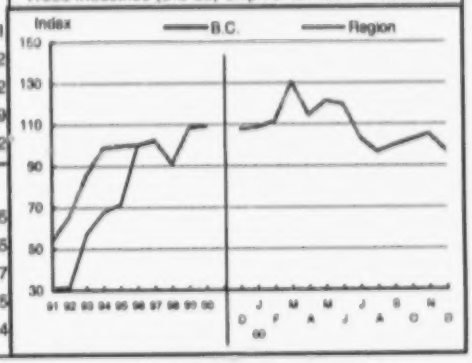
5 Manufacturing (to 1995, Central Fraser Valley + Fraser-Cheam; 1996 & later, Fraser Valley)

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	31	29	27	33	29
25	Wood	39	36	33	54	52
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	8	8	7	9	8
30	Metal Fabricating	10	11	14	26	22
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	153	143	156	214	203
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	401.9	388.6	445.3	447.6	432.1
25	Wood	234.1	277.0	292.5	409.3	420.5
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	69.6	93.6	**	81.0	84.8
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	74.1	69.8
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	843.3	885.3	1,027.8	1,249.4	1,212.5
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	1,742	1,697	1,525	1,458	1,301
25	Wood	1,654	1,589	1,487	1,836	1,862
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	364	455	**	409	352
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	408	369
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	5,218	4,963	5,124	6,121	5,882
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	55.7	56.2	51.8	53.6	47.5
25	Wood	52.0	54.3	55.4	69.6	69.5
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	13.7	17.4	**	15.7	14.7
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	15.7	14.5
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	169.4	169.4	182.1	218.4	207.4

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

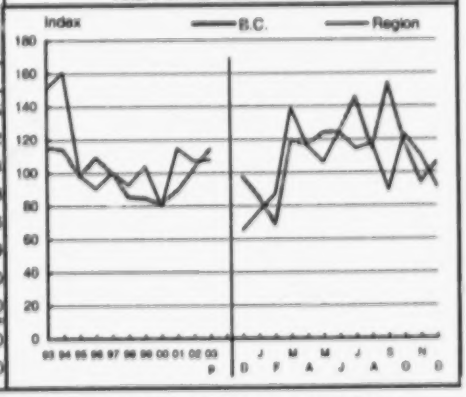


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Commercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1996	232.7	95.9	20.2	3,651.6	21.0	136.8	1,475
1997	256.8	99.6	18.0	3,316.2	18.8	157.2	2,562
1998	238.0	110.5	26.9	2,859.8	14.2	127.5	1,614
1999	266.7	162.7	55.4	2,643.5	33.5	104.1	1,003
2000	205.5	113.5	44.3	2,736.8	28.0	92.0	696
2001	294.5	193.4	43.8	2,983.1	85.5	101.1	859
2002	274.9	84.1	28.7	3,585.3	27.5	190.7	1,690
2003 p	277.1	87.1	29.1	3,662.4	16.0	190.0	1,670
YTD Dec '02	274.9	84.1	28.7	3,575.7	27.0	190.7	1,690
YTD Dec '03	277.1	87.1	29.1	3,662.4	16.0	190.0	1,670

Total Permits Index 1997=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).
BREAK IN SERIES: data are for former Fraser-Cheam RD through 1996; for 1997 onwards, data are for Fraser Valley RD

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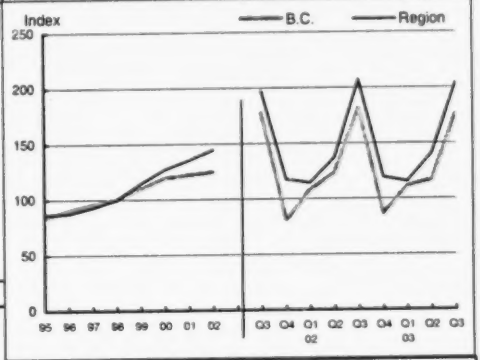
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Fraser Valley Regional District	1999	28,460.7	5,274.9	6,700.9	10,507.8	5,977.1
	2000	31,592.0	5,925.3	7,813.0	11,690.5	6,163.2
	2001	33,653.7	6,212.9	7,897.8	12,237.6	7,305.5
	2002	35,914.8	7,119.9	8,510.7	12,857.5	7,426.8
	2003	28,553.1	7,182.0	8,712.5	12,658.5	
British Columbia	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,219,898.9	335,825.8	352,914.7	531,158.4	

Fraser Valley 2002 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	35,914.8	100.0%
Hotels	25,899.9	72.1%
1-75 Rooms	3,580.2	10.0%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

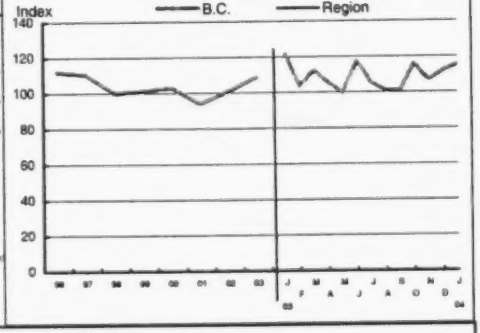


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1996	#N/A
1997	#N/A
1998	#N/A
1999	#N/A
2000	832
2001	736
2002	783
2003	985
Jan-Jan 03	106
Jan-Jan 04	51

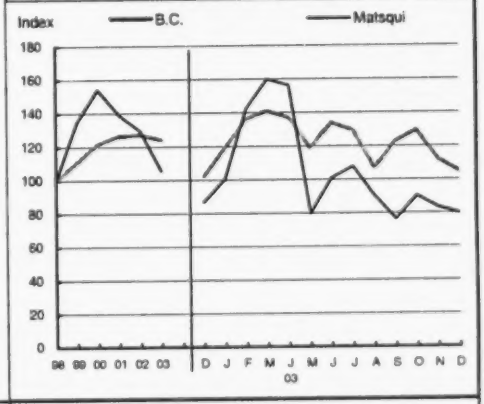
Incorporations Index 1998=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1998=100
Total = Consumer + Business



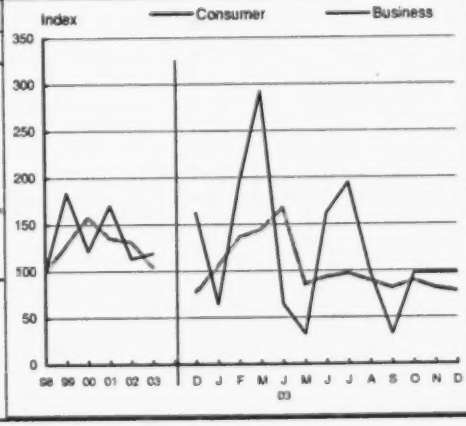
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Matsqui Consumer	Matsqui Business	Chilliwack Consumer	Chilliwack Business	B.C. Consumer	B.C. Business
1999	397	68	193	24	8,181	1,077
2000	487	45	213	22	9,184	980
2001	417	63	210	28	9,476	1,101
2002	405	42	163	37	9,531	1,107
2003	321	44	184	21	9,385	1,002
Jan-Dec 02	405	42	163	37	9,531	1,107
Jan-Dec 03	321	44	184	21	9,385	1,002

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Matsqui Indices 1998=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women Tot. Female 19-64
Fraser Valley Regional District	Mar '01	6.4	8.8	7.3	5.5	3.5
	Jun '01	6.3	8.7	7.1	5.2	3.5
	Sep '01	6.0	8.3	6.7	5.0	3.4
	Dec '01	5.8	7.9	6.7	4.9	3.3
	Mar '02	5.6	7.6	6.3	4.8	3.1
	Jun '02	4.8	6.5	4.9	4.1	2.7
	Sep '02	4.2	5.6	4.3	3.6	2.4
	Dec '02	3.9	5.1	3.9	3.4	2.2
	Mar '03	3.7	4.9	3.8	3.3	2.1
	Jun '03	3.5	4.6	3.6	3.1	2.0

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

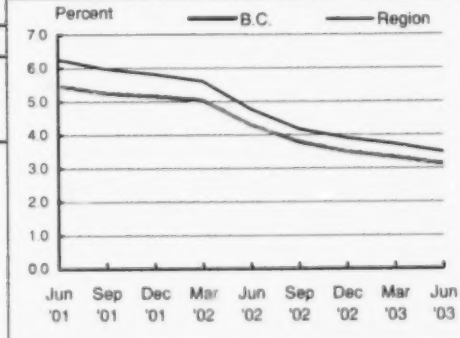
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64	
4.1	4.2	4.2	3.6	Mar '01
3.2	3.7	3.4	2.1	Jun '01
3.2	3.9	3.4	1.4	Sep '01
5.2	5.6	5.3	4.4	Dec '01
4.9	5.3	5.1	3.5	Mar '02
3.8	4.1	4.1	2.2	Jun '02
3.5	3.8	3.9	1.6	Sep '02
4.9	4.8	5.1	4.0	Dec '02
5.0	5.0	5.2	4.0	Mar '03
4.1	4.6	4.2	2.8	Jun '03

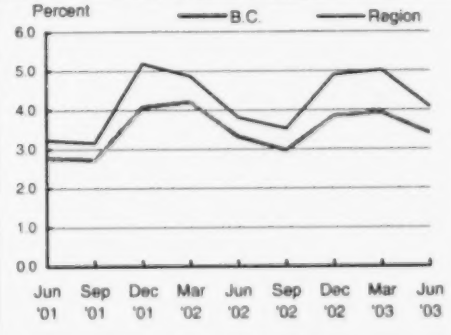
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of June '03)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	7,485	110,570
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	40.6	39.6
1-2 Years	15.4	14.7
>2 Years	44.1	45.7

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

- Data too small to release.

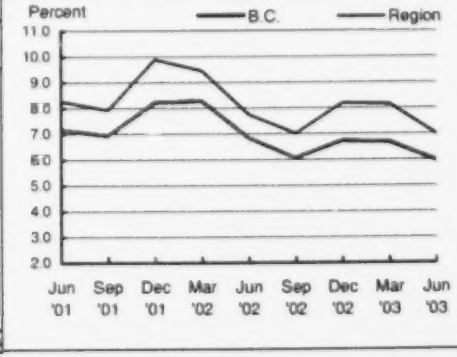
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64
Fraser Valley Regional District	Jun '01	8.3	10.6	8.5	5.2
	Sep '01	7.9	10.4	8.2	4.4
	Dec '01	9.9	11.9	10.0	7.4
	Mar '02	9.5	11.3	9.8	6.4
	Jun '02	7.8	8.9	8.2	4.8
	Sep '02	7.0	8.0	7.5	4.0
	Dec '02	8.2	8.6	8.5	6.5
	Mar '03	8.2	8.7	8.5	6.2
	Jun '03	7.0	8.1	7.3	4.8

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Fraser Valley
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13 Demographics

Although this region is still far more rural than the neighbouring GVRD, the population density is four times that of the province as a whole. The more rural nature of the region is one of the reasons for the substantially higher total fertility rate compared to the provincial rate. As a result, the ratio of children (aged 17 and under) to working age population (aged 18 to 64) is higher than the corresponding provincial ratio. The elderly dependance ratio is higher than the provincial average while the median age of death is slightly lower.

14 Projection

Net migration to this region has been high in the last couple of decades, and this will likely continue to be the case in the future, due to the large availability of land. However, growth should be tempered as a result of the GVRD's Livable Region Strategic Plan, which attempts to make more efficient use of land in the Growth Concentration Area and draw more people into urban Vancouver. Despite this, the combination of continued high natural increase and substantial inflows of migrants will likely result in strong population growth for this region.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

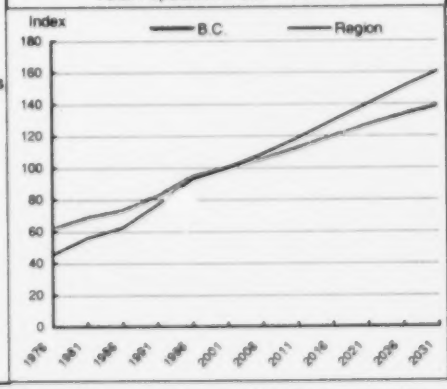
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							House-holds	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	8.5	28.0	14.5	28.3	22.1	12.0	113.4	35.5	0.562	0.185	0.748	1976
1981	11.2	29.2	17.8	38.7	26.0	16.1	139.1	46.8	0.490	0.195	0.685	1981
1986	12.5	30.4	17.2	46.4	28.5	20.0	155.1	55.7	0.466	0.217	0.683	1986
1991	15.2	36.9	16.9	60.1	35.4	26.7	191.1	67.0	0.463	0.238	0.701	1991
1996	17.6	45.2	20.4	72.4	44.7	31.1	231.4	82.1	0.457	0.226	0.683	1996
2001	15.9	48.2	23.0	73.6	54.1	34.2	249.0	91.9	0.426	0.227	0.653	2001
2006	15.9	48.2	26.3	76.4	66.2	37.5	270.5	102.6	0.379	0.222	0.601	2006
2011	17.2	47.8	27.5	81.7	78.8	41.7	294.7	115.5	0.346	0.222	0.567	2011
2016	18.3	49.1	28.5	89.4	87.4	49.1	321.8	129.7	0.328	0.239	0.567	2016
2021	19.2	52.4	27.2	98.0	93.5	57.9	348.3	142.2	0.327	0.265	0.592	2021
2026	19.8	55.4	28.5	103.1	99.1	68.6	374.6	154.4	0.326	0.297	0.623	2026
2031	20.2	57.7	30.5	105.7	105.6	79.9	399.6	166.9	0.322	0.331	0.653	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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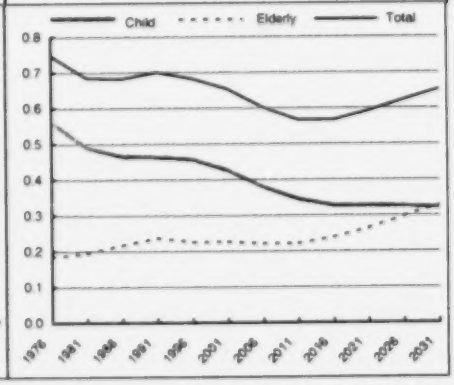

Source: Population data are Projection P-28, run in Summer 2003. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

Greater Vancouver
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Anmore, Belcarra, Bowen Island, Burnaby, City of Langley, Coquitlam, Delta, Langley DM, Lions Bay, Maple Ridge, New Westminster, North Vancouver City, North Vancouver DM, Pitt Meadows, Port Coquitlam, Port Moody, Richmond, Surrey, Vancouver, West Vancouver, White Rock

The delta of the Fraser River and the access to the ocean have made this region home to the largest number of people in the province. Manufacturing, trade, and service activity in the Vancouver area are the main economic activities for the region as a whole. Areas in the region outside of metro Vancouver are mainly residential and industrial suburbs. The municipalities of the Greater Vancouver Regional District (GVRD) have come to an agreement on a Livable Region Strategic Plan. This plan designates a "Growth Concentration Area" where infrastructure such as rapid transit will be put into place to accommodate increased growth. This plan is certain to affect the growth patterns of this and neighbouring regions.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P28 completed in the Summer of 2003. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2002

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	the new Greater Vancouver RD							British Columbia	
		Firms with	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
		No Em-ployees	Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	87,824	68,899	6,972	3,726	693	80,290	100.0%	100.0%	157,421
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	1,545	1,141	117	47	9	1,314	1.6%	5.7%	9,047
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	505	225	24	15	3	267	0.3%	0.5%	778
22	Utilities	46	36	2	5	4	47	0.1%	0.1%	154
23	Construction	12,330	6,657	565	261	29	7,512	9.4%	10.7%	16,879
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	2,734	3,626	684	513	100	4,923	6.1%	5.6%	8,797
41	Wholesale Trade	4,948	6,117	678	305	31	7,131	8.9%	6.5%	10,253
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	5,393	7,255	776	391	78	8,500	10.6%	11.3%	17,808
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	3,864	2,854	230	156	44	3,284	4.1%	4.6%	7,319
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	1,910	1,366	154	99	30	1,649	2.1%	1.6%	2,484
52	Finance & Insurance	6,238	2,758	351	149	36	3,294	4.1%	3.4%	5,304
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	12,829	3,574	265	152	17	4,008	5.0%	4.5%	7,019
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	15,756	10,092	640	290	36	11,058	13.8%	11.3%	17,711
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	5,490	1,654	182	111	12	1,959	2.4%	2.1%	3,267
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	4,330	3,673	343	165	35	4,216	5.3%	4.8%	7,564
61	Educational Services	741	903	123	51	29	1,106	1.4%	1.2%	1,820
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	843	6,059	448	215	75	6,797	8.5%	8.6%	13,571
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	1,880	1,083	107	79	20	1,289	1.6%	1.8%	2,808
72	Accom. & Food Services	2,218	3,897	971	605	41	5,514	6.9%	7.3%	11,558
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	4,222	5,866	300	100	27	6,293	7.8%	7.9%	12,476
91	Public Administration	2	63	12	17	37	129	0.2%	0.5%	804

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division. Langley City and District Municipality are included in Greater Vancouver.

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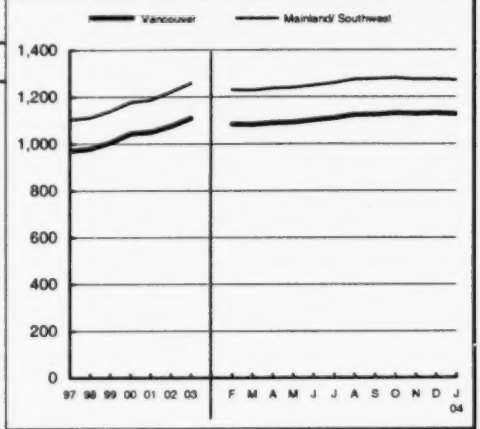
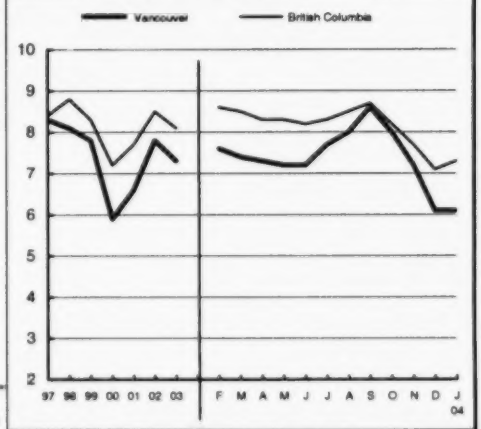
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Vancouver		Mainland/ Southwest		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %
	1994	908.9	8.6	0.0	0.0	1,754.0	9.0
	1995	929.6	7.9	1,055.8	7.9	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	948.6	8.0	1,073.4	8.3	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	971.3	8.3	1,104.0	8.3	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	979.6	8.1	1,113.4	8.1	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	1,005.4	7.8	1,140.1	7.8	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	1,044.5	5.9	1,177.9	6.2	1,949.1	7.2
	2001	1,051.1	6.6	1,187.9	6.6	1,942.4	7.7
	2002	1,076.2	7.8	1,221.6	7.8	1,973.4	8.5
	2003	1,110.8	7.3	1,258.6	7.4	2,023.3	8.1
2003	Jan	1,090.1	7.6	1,236.1	7.6	1,969.8	8.5
	Feb	1,084.0	7.6	1,229.7	7.6	1,964.3	8.6
	Mar	1,083.4	7.4	1,228.7	7.4	1,971.3	8.5
	Apr	1,089.9	7.3	1,238.0	7.3	1,987.8	8.3
	May	1,092.1	7.2	1,240.6	7.2	2,002.6	8.3
	Jun	1,102.0	7.2	1,250.7	7.3	2,017.3	8.2
	Jul	1,110.2	7.7	1,259.8	7.7	2,038.0	8.3
	Aug	1,123.8	8.0	1,275.8	7.9	2,052.7	8.5
	Sep	1,125.8	8.6	1,278.3	8.5	2,050.9	8.7
	Oct	1,131.3	8.0	1,281.5	8.0	2,051.6	8.2
	Nov	1,129.3	7.2	1,275.4	7.3	2,045.5	7.7
	Dec	1,131.9	6.1	1,276.7	6.2	2,053.8	7.1
2004	Jan	1,128.5	6.1	1,272.6	6.2	2,042.9	7.3
	Feb						
	Mar						
	Apr						
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Jan03	1,032.3	6.4	1,168.4	6.5	1,900.6	7.9
	Jan-Jan04	1,035.1	8.2	1,169.8	8.4	1,899.6	9.6
	% Change	0.3		0.1		-0.1	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



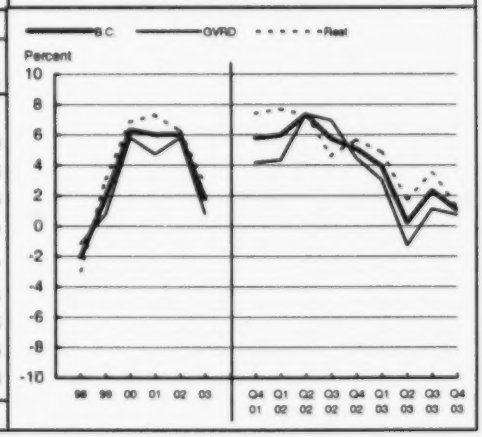
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales: B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	Percent change on year ago: B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
Annual	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
data	2002	40,272.6	19,996.5	20,276.1	6.0	5.8	6.3
	2003	40,998.1	20,161.5	20,836.6	1.8	0.8	2.8
	02 4	10,746.4	5,282.7	5,463.7	5.1	4.5	5.7
Quarterly	03 1	9,183.5	4,597.1	4,586.4	3.9	3.0	4.8
data	03 2	10,405.9	5,160.5	5,245.4	0.2	-1.3	1.8
	03 3	10,549.5	5,081.9	5,467.6	2.3	1.1	3.5
	03 4	10,859.2	5,322.0	5,537.2	1.0	0.7	1.3

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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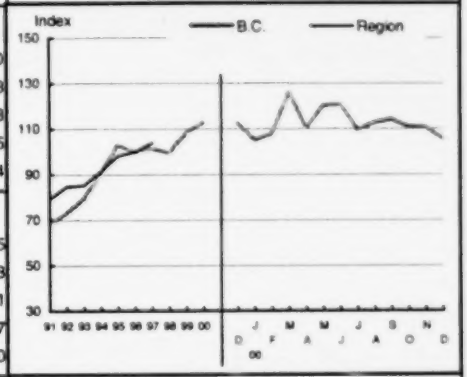
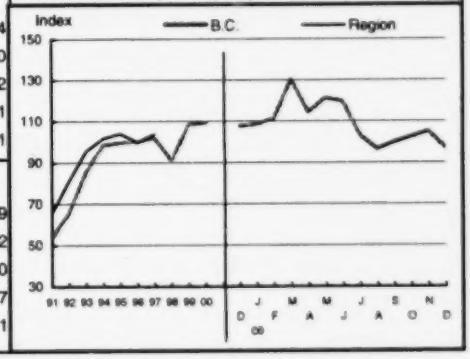
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics (to 1995, old GVRD + Dewdney-Alouette; 1996 & later, new GVRD)

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	190	182	188	207	210
25	Wood	227	223	224	245	233
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	66	65	66	67	68
30	Metal Fabricating	336	331	355	409	405
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	2,266	2,187	2,415	2,665	2,574
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	2,367.6	2,450.1	2,527.8	2,465.5	2,579.5
25	Wood	2,380.5	2,537.1	2,591.2	2,490.8	2,586.8
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	1,759.7	1,816.5	1,837.1	1,870.1
30	Metal Fabricating	1,020.8	1,110.7	1,193.4	1,291.4	1,386.7
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	12,768.1	13,691.6	14,707.3	14,982.9	15,564.0
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	11,228	11,729	12,646	11,828	11,824
25	Wood	11,517	12,053	12,036	10,611	10,940
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	7,200	7,295	6,414	6,482
30	Metal Fabricating	7,638	7,916	8,119	7,765	8,531
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	74,676	78,292	80,398	77,890	82,741
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	370.2	397.5	421.8	389.0	387.9
25	Wood	433.5	488.8	511.3	465.5	472.2
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	315.5	334.4	314.8	309.0
30	Metal Fabricating	277.5	300.3	307.3	311.2	343.7
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	2,644.5	2,968.9	3,138.0	3,043.0	3,218.1

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

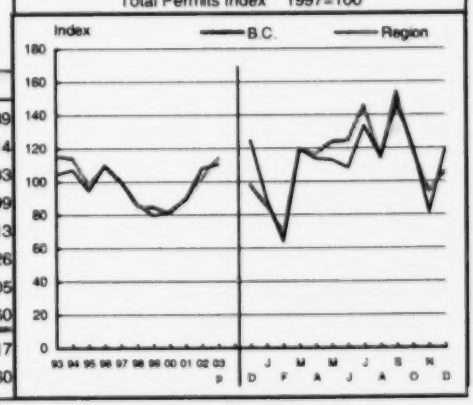


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Commercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1996	3,651.6	1,108.7	151.9	223.7	281.3	2,542.9	17,739
1997	3,316.2	1,165.6	163.8	130.0	152.6	2,150.6	15,214
1998	2,859.8	1,232.8	160.7	114.8	262.0	1,626.9	11,103
1999	2,643.5	1,104.9	172.8	84.2	279.9	1,538.6	9,799
2000	2,736.8	1,247.4	147.6	107.4	231.0	1,489.4	9,313
2001	2,983.1	1,169.6	105.2	86.4	345.5	1,813.5	10,426
2002	3,585.3	1,094.7	129.3	115.5	219.2	2,490.5	14,905
2003 p	3,662.4	922.9	90.7	126.9	206.3	2,739.4	14,960
YTD Dec '02	3,575.7	1,086.1	128.9	113.9	167.1	2,489.6	14,917
YTD Dec '03	3,662.4	922.9	90.7	126.9	206.3	2,739.4	14,960

Total Permits Index 1997=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).
Note: Maple Ridge & Pitt Meadows included in GVRD commencing approx. August 1995

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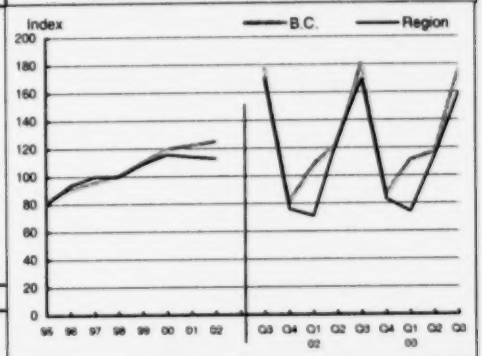
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Greater Vancouver Regional District	1999	585,814.5	96,251.9	159,453.1	226,458.4	103,651.0
	2000	622,269.0	102,448.2	171,692.4	230,907.7	117,220.7
	2001	613,433.4	111,349.2	170,533.9	228,839.4	102,710.9
	2002	606,108.3	95,683.3	170,136.0	228,434.9	111,854.0
	2003	467,287.1	99,708.2	152,862.4	214,716.5	
British Columbia	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,219,898.9	335,825.8	352,914.7	531,158.4	

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100



Greater Vancouver 2002 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

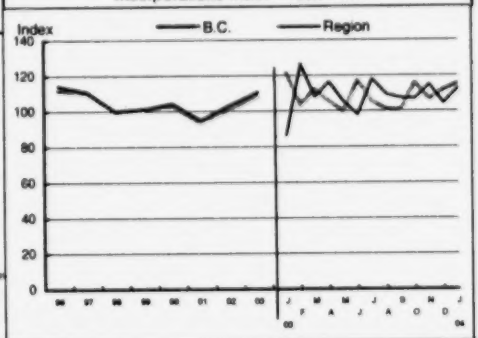
Total	606,108.3	100.0%
Hotels	570,574.4	94.1%
150+ Rooms	422,919.4	69.8%
76-149 Rooms	110,533.7	18.2%
1-75 Rooms	37,121.3	6.1%
Motels	17,929.0	3.0%

Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations - includes Dewdney-Alouette prior to 2000

Year	Incorporations
1996	16,224
1997	15,749
1998	14,179
1999	14,367
2000	14,807
2001	13,490
2002	14,688
2003	15,698
Jan-Jan 03	1,493
Jan-Jan 04	1,415

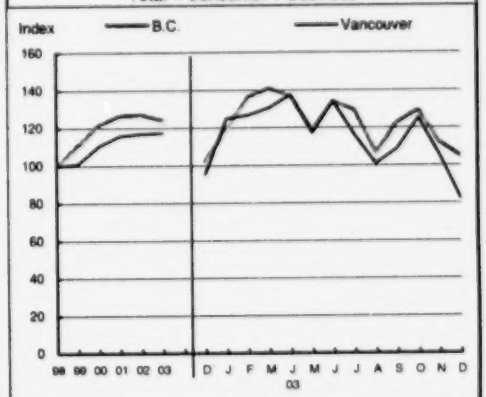
Incorporations Index 1998=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1998=100
Total = Consumer + Business



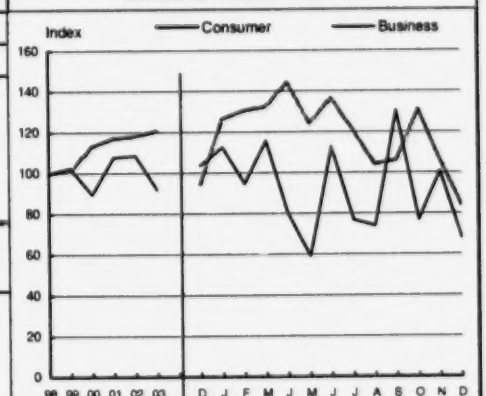
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Vancouver Consumer	Vancouver Business	B.C. Consumer	B.C. Business
1999	3,428	415	8,181	1,077
2000	3,842	383	9,184	980
2001	3,977	436	9,476	1,101
2002	4,011	440	9,531	1,107
2003	4,099	372	9,385	1,002
Jan-Dec 02	4,011	440	9,531	1,107
Jan-Dec 03	4,099	372	9,385	1,002

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Vancouver Indices 1998=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women Tot. Female 19-64
Greater Vancouver Regional District	Mar '01	4.4	6.6	3.7	3.8	1.8
	Jun '01	4.3	6.4	3.7	3.7	1.8
	Sep '01	4.2	6.3	3.5	3.6	1.8
	Dec '01	4.1	6.1	3.5	3.5	1.7
	Mar '02	4.0	6.0	3.4	3.5	1.6
	Jun '02	3.5	5.3	2.8	3.0	1.5
	Sep '02	3.2	4.7	2.4	2.7	1.3
	Dec '02	2.9	4.3	2.1	2.6	1.2
	Mar '03	2.8	4.0	2.0	2.5	1.1
	Jun '03	2.6	3.8	1.9	2.3	1.1

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

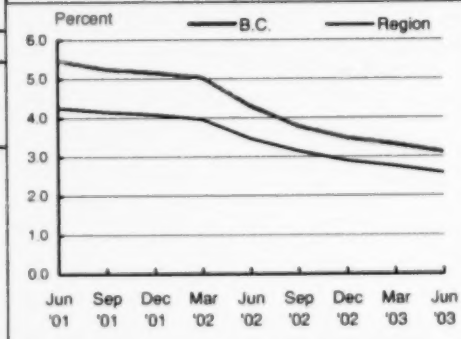
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64	
2.4	1.8	2.6	1.8	Mar '01
2.2	1.7	2.5	1.4	Jun '01
2.4	1.7	2.7	1.2	Sep '01
3.3	2.4	3.7	2.2	Dec '01
3.4	2.5	3.8	2.2	Mar '02
2.9	2.0	3.2	1.6	Jun '02
2.7	1.8	3.1	1.4	Sep '02
3.1	2.2	3.5	2.2	Dec '02
3.1	2.2	3.5	2.3	Mar '03
2.8	1.9	3.2	1.7	Jun '03

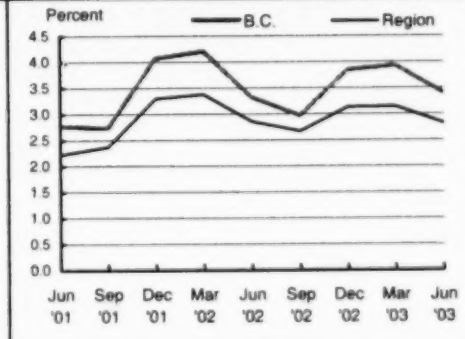
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of June '03)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	48,424	110,570
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	34.6	39.6
1-2 Years	15.0	14.7
>2 Years	50.3	45.7

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

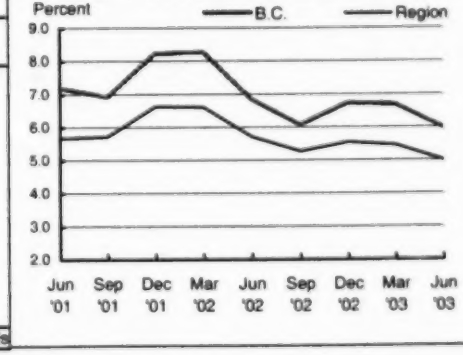
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64
Greater Vancouver Regional District	Jun '01	5.7	5.2	6.0	4.1
	Sep '01	5.7	5.1	6.2	4.0
	Dec '01	6.6	5.8	7.1	5.0
	Mar '02	6.6	5.8	7.1	4.7
	Jun '02	5.7	4.8	6.2	4.0
	Sep '02	5.3	4.2	5.8	3.7
	Dec '02	5.6	4.3	6.0	4.4
	Mar '03	5.5	4.2	5.9	4.4
	Jun '03	5.0	3.8	5.5	3.7

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Greater Vancouver
Regional District

13 Demographics

This is the most densely populated region in the province. Although the region comprises only a small portion of the land base of the province, it contains approximately half the population. For this reason, many of the demographic characteristics of the area are similar to those of the province as a whole, although due to the more urban nature of the area, the total fertility rate is lower than the provincial rate. There are more females than males as is characteristic of urban areas and the child and elderly dependance ratios are lower than the province as a whole.

14 Projection

The Livable Region Strategic Plan will likely slow the current trend of growth outward toward the Valley and shift growth back into the urban core. As a result, this region will likely continue to experience strong growth. Net migration has been highly positive over the last twenty years, and it is projected that this will continue to be the case over the next two decades as well. The region can expect the addition of almost 850,000 people in the next 30 years.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

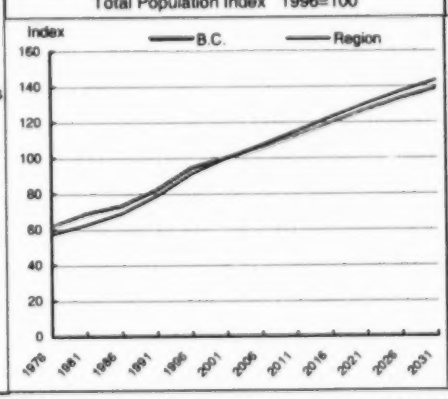
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							House-holds	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	74.5	248.2	159.8	344.9	249.1	125.1	1,201.5	419.2	0.428	0.166	0.594	1976
1981	79.3	227.8	177.5	413.2	263.3	148.1	1,309.2	490.9	0.360	0.173	0.533	1981
1986	92.9	225.7	172.9	494.2	285.6	171.7	1,443.0	568.6	0.334	0.180	0.515	1986
1991	106.7	255.9	170.7	592.6	323.1	198.3	1,647.4	626.5	0.334	0.183	0.516	1991
1996	116.2	299.0	187.2	677.1	409.7	221.2	1,910.3	722.9	0.326	0.174	0.499	1996
2001	108.9	323.9	208.9	704.2	498.9	246.2	2,091.1	809.7	0.306	0.174	0.481	2001
2006	106.9	321.5	207.6	721.3	609.3	276.8	2,243.3	912.5	0.279	0.180	0.458	2006
2011	110.4	312.9	212.0	740.5	710.6	318.2	2,404.6	1,004.1	0.254	0.191	0.446	2011
2016	116.2	307.4	214.1	768.9	764.8	394.7	2,566.1	1,100.8	0.242	0.226	0.468	2016
2021	119.9	317.4	201.0	805.2	793.0	483.9	2,720.2	1,181.8	0.243	0.269	0.512	2021
2026	121.0	330.6	200.7	809.2	822.1	582.0	2,865.6	1,254.7	0.247	0.318	0.564	2026
2031	120.0	339.9	207.4	805.7	846.3	676.2	2,995.4	1,323.4	0.247	0.364	0.611	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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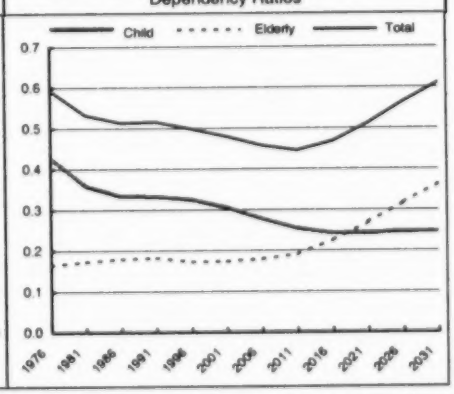


Source: Population data are Projection P-28, run in Summer 2003. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

Kitimat-Stikine
Regional District

1 **General Economy**

Municipalities in Regional District: Hazelton, Kitimat, New Hazelton, Stewart, Terrace

Forestry and mining are important economic drivers for this region. The Eskay Creek Mine near Stewart is one of the largest silver producers in the world. The Snip mine closed in the spring of 1999 due to ore depletion. The Alcan aluminum smelter at Kitimat is the main employer in that area and is the largest aluminum smelter in Canada outside Quebec. There have been several developments affecting this region recently. The recent Nisga'a land claims settlement could have significant effects for the entire region, and the Nisga'a area in particular. This area is high in mineral potential and several new mines are being considered, which could have significant employment impacts for the region.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P28 completed in the Summer of 2003. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150.
The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 **Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2002**

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Kitimat-Stikine							British Columbia	
		Firms with	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
		No Employees	Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	930	1,306	95	48	10	1,459	100.0%	100.0%	157,421
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	184	178	8	4	0	190	13.0%	5.7%	9,047
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	2	2	0	0	0	2	0.1%	0.5%	778
22	Utilities	-	2	1	1	0	4	0.3%	0.1%	154
23	Construction	143	164	4	5	0	173	11.9%	10.7%	16,879
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	17	33	5	6	3	47	3.2%	5.6%	8,797
41	Wholesale Trade	29	54	4	1	0	59	4.0%	6.5%	10,253
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	67	156	18	9	1	184	12.6%	11.3%	17,808
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	103	90	2	5	0	97	6.6%	4.6%	7,319
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	7	18	2	0	0	20	1.4%	1.6%	2,484
52	Finance & Insurance	25	22	4	0	0	26	1.8%	3.4%	5,304
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	93	51	2	0	0	53	3.6%	4.5%	7,019
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	76	90	3	0	0	93	6.4%	11.3%	17,711
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	38	11	0	2	0	13	0.9%	2.1%	3,267
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	41	63	2	1	0	66	4.5%	4.8%	7,564
61	Educational Services	7	11	1	1	3	16	1.1%	1.2%	1,820
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	8	121	5	6	2	134	9.2%	8.6%	13,571
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	13	20	4	0	0	24	1.6%	1.8%	2,808
72	Accom. & Food Services	28	73	19	4	0	96	6.6%	7.3%	11,558
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	49	130	2	0	0	132	9.0%	7.9%	12,476
91	Public Administration	-	17	9	3	1	30	2.1%	0.5%	804

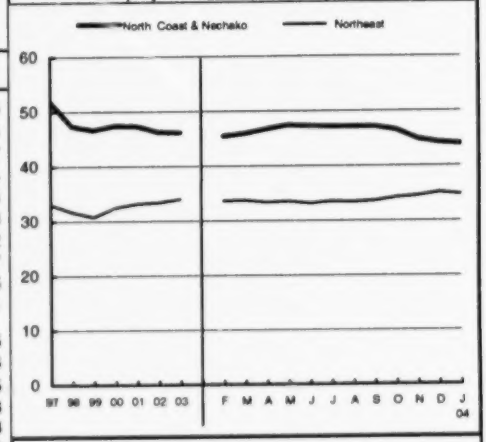
Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

Kitimat-Stikine
Regional District

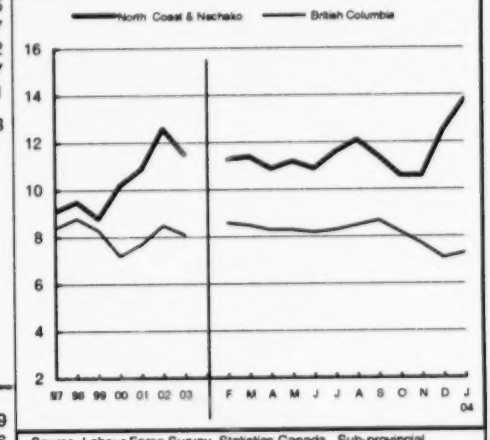
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		North Coast & Nechako		Northeast		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %
	1994	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,754.0	9.0
	1995	49.1	8.2	32.7	6.6	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	51.9	7.5	32.4	7.2	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	51.8	9.1	33.1	4.6	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	47.4	9.5	31.7	NA	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	46.7	8.8	30.8	8.9	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	47.5	10.2	32.5	6.1	1,949.1	7.2
	2001	47.4	10.9	33.2	5.9	1,942.4	7.7
	2002	46.3	12.6	33.4	9.0	1,973.4	8.5
	2003	46.2	11.5	34.0	6.9	2,023.3	8.1
2003	Jan	45.1	11.7	33.6	8.9	1,969.8	8.5
	Feb	45.5	11.3	33.7	8.2	1,964.3	8.6
	Mar	46.0	11.4	33.8	7.1	1,971.3	8.5
	Apr	46.8	10.9	33.4	7.2	1,987.8	8.3
	May	47.5	11.2	33.6	6.7	2,002.6	8.3
	Jun	47.3	10.9	33.2	7.2	2,017.3	8.2
	Jul	47.2	11.6	33.6	7.2	2,038.0	8.3
	Aug	47.2	12.1	33.5	7.7	2,052.7	8.5
	Sep	47.2	11.4	33.7	7.9	2,050.9	8.7
	Oct	46.6	10.6	34.3	6.8	2,051.6	8.2
	Nov	44.9	10.6	34.6	6.0	2,045.5	7.7
	Dec	44.3	12.5	35.2	4.3	2,053.8	7.1
2004	Jan	44.0	13.8	34.8	4.4	2,042.9	7.3
	Feb						
	Mar						
	Apr						
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Jan03	48.6	11.6	32.4	3.0	1,900.6	7.9
	Jan-Jan04	44.5	14.5	31.3	10.8	1,899.6	9.6
	% Change	-8.4		-3.4		-0.1	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



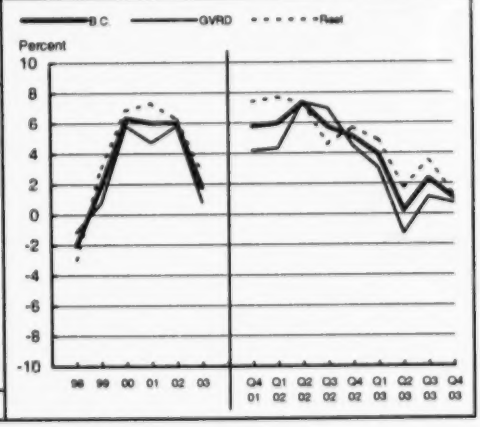
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
	2002	40,272.6	19,996.5	20,276.1	6.0	5.8	6.3
	2003	40,998.1	20,161.5	20,836.6	1.8	0.8	2.8
Quarterly data	02 4	10,746.4	5,282.7	5,463.7	5.1	4.5	5.7
	03 1	9,183.5	4,597.1	4,586.4	3.9	3.0	4.8
	03 2	10,405.9	5,160.5	5,245.4	0.2	-1.3	1.8
	03 3	10,549.5	5,081.9	5,467.6	2.3	1.1	3.5
	03 4	10,859.2	5,322.0	5,537.2	1.0	0.7	1.3

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year

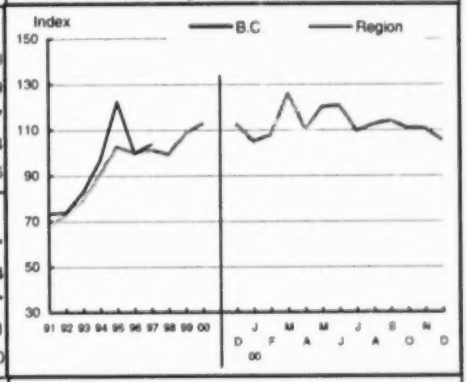


Kitimat-Stikine
Regional District

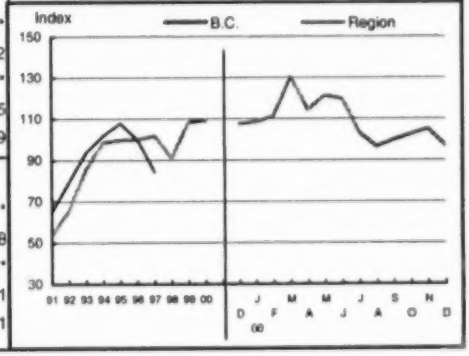
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	0	0	0	0	0
25	Wood	6	6	7	9	9
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	4	4	5	7	7
30	Metal Fabricating	5	4	2	4	4
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	21	21	19	27	26
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	0.0	0.0	0.0	**	**
25	Wood	218.6	237.6	251.7	233.3	196.4
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	7.2	6.1	**	10.8	12.1
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	910.5	1,063.8	1,343.1	1,096.9	1,138.0
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	0	23	0	**	**
25	Wood	819	615	689	619	622
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	42	29	**	44	55
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	3,405	3,064	3,411	4,010	3,879
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	0.0	0.8	0.0	**	**
25	Wood	39.6	37.0	38.2	36.1	31.8
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	1.3	0.9	**	1.7	2.1
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	199.6	178.3	198.5	195.2	190.1

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

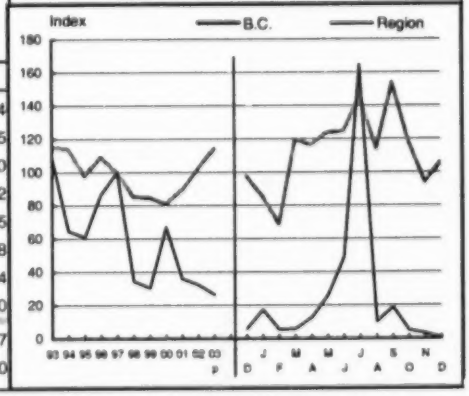


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Comm-ercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1996	41.0	17.8	7.0	41.7	1.2	23.2	174
1997	47.4	28.5	17.1	47.6	0.9	18.8	125
1998	16.4	6.4	2.6	58.7	1.3	10.0	50
1999	14.4	7.6	3.7	59.4	0.3	6.8	32
2000	31.7	25.4	0.3	55.2	21.3	6.4	25
2001	17.1	14.7	0.1	59.5	12.1	2.4	8
2002	15.4	13.5	0.2	46.7	10.2	1.8	4
2003 p	12.6	9.3	0.3	55.6	1.5	3.3	10
YTD Dec '02	15.6	13.3	0.2	43.3	10.0	2.3	7
YTD Dec '03	12.6	9.3	0.3	55.6	1.5	3.3	10

Total Permits Index 1997=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

Kitimat-Stikine
Regional District

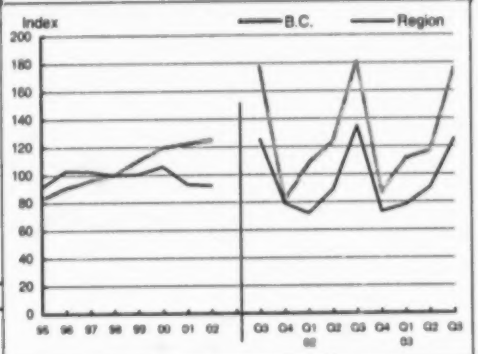
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Kitimat-Stikine Regional District	1999	8,243.3	1,400.8	2,184.4	2,777.5	1,880.6
	2000	8,684.9	1,664.9	2,184.7	3,175.0	1,660.2
	2001	7,634.0	1,396.8	2,047.9	2,564.3	1,625.0
	2002	7,568.1	1,476.2	1,825.3	2,761.6	1,504.9
	2003	6,029.8	1,603.2	1,857.8	2,568.7	
British Columbia	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,219,898.9	335,825.8	352,914.7	531,158.4	

Kitimat-Stikine 2002 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	7,568.1	100.0%
Hotels	3,666.0	48.4%
Motels	3,040.0	40.2%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

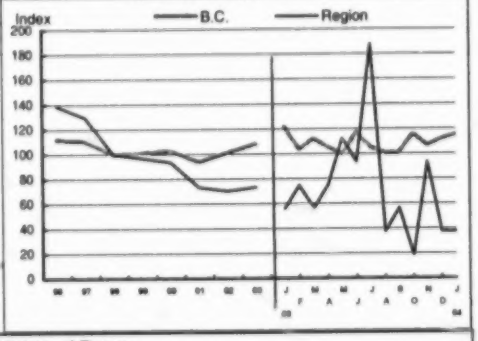


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1996	89
1997	83
1998	64
1999	62
2000	60
2001	47
2002	45
2003	47
Jan-Jan 03	4
Jan-Jan 04	1

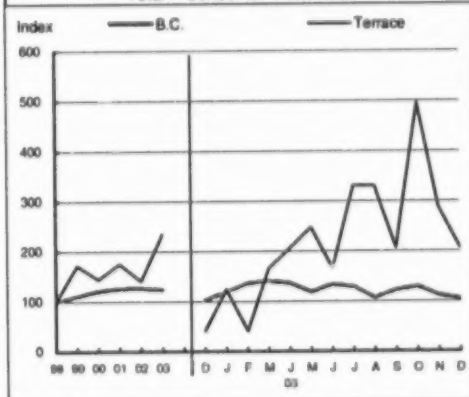
Incorporations Index 1998=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1998=100
Total = Consumer + Business



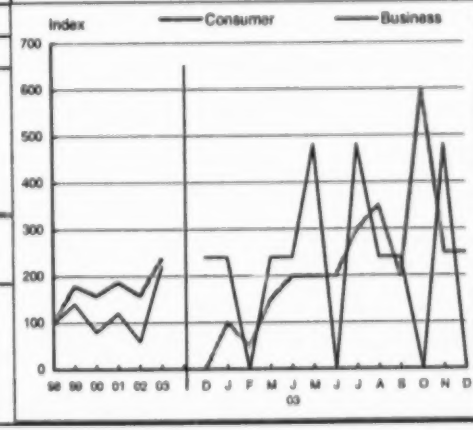
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Terrace Consumer	Terrace Business	Kitimat Consumer	Kitimat Business	B.C. Consumer	B.C. Business
1999	43	7	21	0	8,181	1,077
2000	38	4	27	0	9,184	980
2001	45	6	25	2	9,476	1,101
2002	38	3	24	3	9,531	1,107
2003	57	11	13	4	9,385	1,002
Jan-Dec 02	38	3	24	3	9,531	1,107
Jan-Dec 03	57	11	13	4	9,385	1,002

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Terrace Indices 1998=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women Tot. Female 19-64
Kitimat-Stikine Regional District	Mar '01	9.4	11.7	18.6	7.4	4.0
	Jun '01	9.7	12.1	19.7	7.7	4.2
	Sep '01	9.6	12.6	18.5	7.2	4.3
	Dec '01	9.9	13.3	18.3	7.5	4.2
	Mar '02	9.9	13.2	17.9	7.7	4.2
	Jun '02	8.9	11.7	16.1	7.1	3.9
	Sep '02	8.0	10.5	13.2	6.4	3.6
	Dec '02	7.0	9.2	10.9	5.7	2.9
	Mar '03	7.2	9.7	10.7	5.8	3.1
	Jun '03	7.0	9.9	10.0	5.5	3.2

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

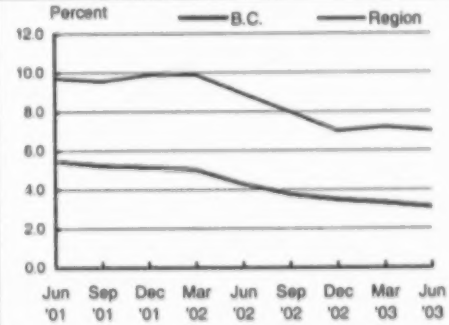
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64	
7.1	7.6	7.5	4.5	Mar '01
4.8	5.0	5.1	3.0	Jun '01
5.1	4.6	5.7	2.8	Sep '01
7.4	6.0	8.0	5.6	Dec '01
8.1	7.0	8.8	5.4	Mar '02
5.8	5.4	6.2	4.4	Jun '02
4.8	4.4	5.1	3.4	Sep '02
6.6	6.4	7.0	4.5	Dec '02
7.1	6.9	7.7	4.4	Mar '03
6.2	5.0	6.8	4.4	Jun '03

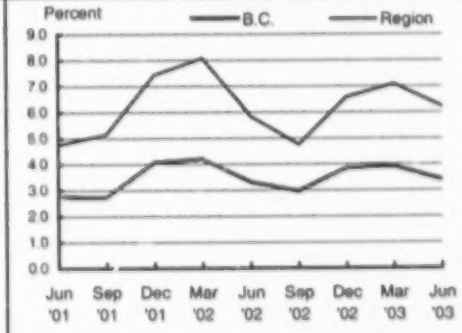
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of June '03)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	2,300	110,570
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	40.0	39.6
1-2 Years	16.6	14.7
>2 Years	43.4	45.7

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

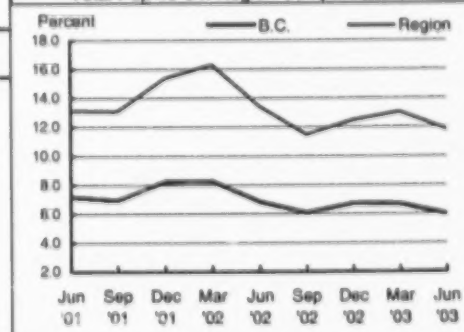
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64
Kitimat-Stikine Regional District	Jun '01	13.1	24.2	12.5	7.6
	Sep '01	13.1	22.5	12.7	7.6
	Dec '01	15.4	23.4	15.1	10.3
	Mar '02	16.3	24.3	16.4	9.7
	Jun '02	13.4	21.2	13.2	8.4
	Sep '02	11.5	17.3	11.4	7.1
	Dec '02	12.5	17.1	12.6	8.0
	Mar '03	13.0	17.4	13.3	7.9
	Jun '03	11.8	15.0	12.2	7.6

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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Regional District

13 **Demographics**

The gender ratio for this region is heavily weighted in favour of males, in contrast to the province as a whole, which has more women than men. This is likely due to the predominance of male-dominated professions in the area. The median age of the population is substantially younger than the provincial median. There are proportionately far more children and far fewer elderly in the population compared to the province as a whole.

14 **Projection**

This region is expected to experience moderate growth throughout the projection period from a combination of positive natural increase (excess of births over deaths) and positive net migration. Towards the end of the projection period, deaths are expected to exceed births thereby lowering the population growth rate. Total fertility rates are expected to decline but remain well above the provincial rate.

15 **Selected Demographic Characteristics**

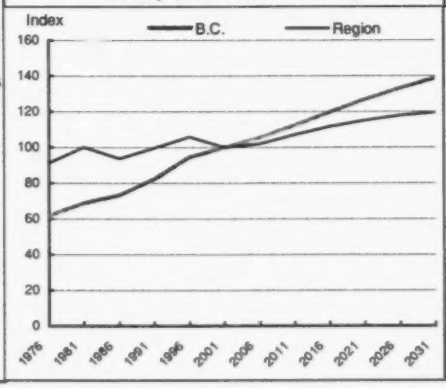
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							House-holds	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	4.2	11.7	5.5	11.8	5.0	1.0	39.2	10.4	0.713	0.046	0.759	1976
1981	4.3	11.3	6.5	14.0	5.6	1.1	43.0	12.5	0.598	0.043	0.642	1981
1986	3.9	10.0	5.0	13.7	6.3	1.5	40.3	12.6	0.555	0.060	0.615	1986
1991	4.0	9.9	4.8	14.7	7.4	2.0	42.7	13.8	0.517	0.074	0.591	1991
1996	3.7	10.2	4.8	15.3	8.7	2.6	45.5	15.2	0.485	0.091	0.576	1996
2001	2.8	9.4	3.9	13.5	10.1	3.2	42.9	15.4	0.445	0.115	0.560	2001
2006	2.7	8.8	4.7	12.5	11.3	3.8	43.7	16.1	0.402	0.133	0.535	2006
2011	2.7	8.0	4.9	12.7	12.7	4.9	45.9	17.7	0.353	0.160	0.514	2011
2016	2.8	7.4	4.8	13.0	13.4	6.4	47.9	19.3	0.326	0.204	0.531	2016
2021	2.8	7.4	4.1	13.7	13.5	7.9	49.4	20.4	0.324	0.251	0.575	2021
2026	2.7	7.5	3.9	14.3	12.8	9.3	50.5	21.1	0.329	0.300	0.629	2026
2031	2.6	7.4	3.9	13.8	13.0	10.5	51.3	21.6	0.327	0.344	0.671	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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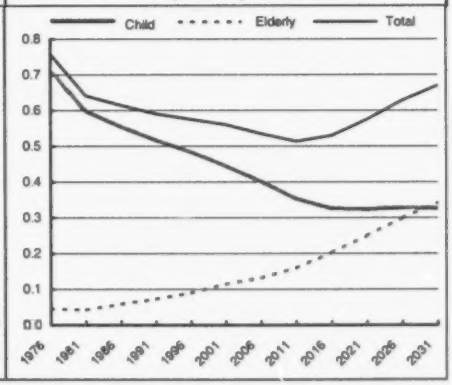

Source: Population data are Projection P-28, run in Summer 2003. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

Kootenay-Boundary
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Fruitvale, Grand Forks, Greenwood, Midway, Montrose, Rossland, Trail, Warfield

The Cominco Smelter at Trail is the main economic driver for this region. Most of the people working in the Trail area are either directly employed by Cominco, or work in a job providing goods and services that is directly or indirectly dependent on Cominco. In the Grand Forks and Kettle Valley areas, forestry and agriculture are the main economic activities. There are major hydroelectric construction projects either underway, or planned for the near future, which should boost employment for this region, at least for the short term. The upgrading of the Waneta dam is already underway with the first unit completed and construction on the second unit to begin in 2002. The Keenleyside dam construction is also underway and the Brilliant dam is being upgraded and expanded.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P28 completed in the Summer of 2003. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2002

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Kootenay-Boundary							British Columbia	
		Firms with	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
		No Em-ployees	Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	832	1,076	62	36	10	1,184	100.0%	100.0%	157,421
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	102	83	6	3	0	92	7.8%	5.7%	9,047
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	5	5	0	0	0	5	0.4%	0.5%	778
22	Utilities	1	3	1	0	1	5	0.4%	0.1%	154
23	Construction	129	100	6	5	1	112	9.5%	10.7%	16,879
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	40	44	3	5	2	54	4.6%	5.6%	8,797
41	Wholesale Trade	31	37	1	0	0	38	3.2%	6.5%	10,253
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	96	152	14	4	0	170	14.4%	11.3%	17,808
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	32	46	1	0	0	47	4.0%	4.6%	7,319
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	8	13	1	1	0	15	1.3%	1.6%	2,484
52	Finance & Insurance	27	20	3	1	1	25	2.1%	3.4%	5,304
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	101	44	1	1	1	47	4.0%	4.5%	7,019
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	74	94	3	0	0	97	8.2%	11.3%	17,711
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	31	8	1	0	0	9	0.8%	2.1%	3,267
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	30	44	1	0	0	45	3.8%	4.8%	7,564
61	Educational Services	9	7	0	0	3	10	0.8%	1.2%	1,820
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	4	107	6	9	1	123	10.4%	8.6%	13,571
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	15	32	1	2	0	35	3.0%	1.8%	2,808
72	Accom. & Food Services	37	103	9	3	0	115	9.7%	7.3%	11,558
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	60	115	2	0	0	117	9.9%	7.9%	12,476
91	Public Administration	-	19	2	2	0	23	1.9%	0.5%	804

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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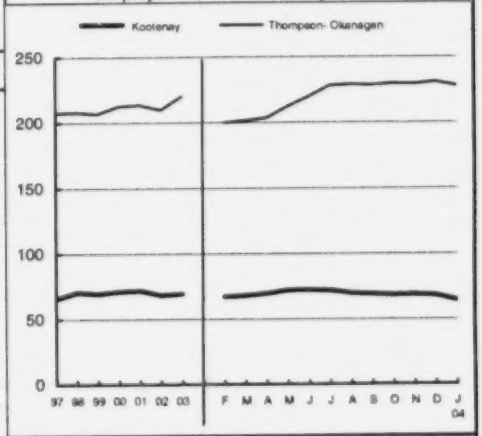
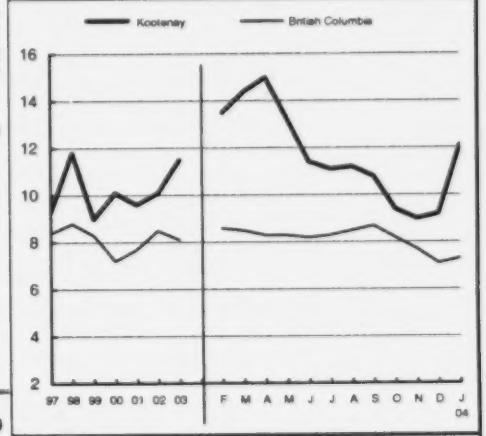
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Kootenay		Thompson-Okanagan		British Columbia	
		Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
	1994	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,754.0	9.0
	1995	69.7	8.0	194.7	10.2	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	65.7	8.7	201.1	10.4	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	65.7	9.3	207.7	8.3	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	70.6	11.8	208.2	8.2	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	69.5	9.0	207.1	9.7	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	71.2	10.1	212.7	9.2	1,949.1	7.2
	2001	71.9	9.6	213.7	9.2	1,942.4	7.7
	2002	68.3	10.1	210.0	9.3	1,973.4	8.5
	2003	69.5	11.5	220.3	8.7	2,023.3	8.1
2003	Jan	67.2	11.9	204.3	9.4	1,969.8	8.5
	Feb	67.2	13.5	200.2	9.6	1,964.3	8.6
	Mar	68.2	14.4	201.7	9.7	1,971.3	8.5
	Apr	69.8	15.0	203.7	9.8	1,987.8	8.3
	May	72.3	13.2	212.4	10.2	2,002.6	8.3
	Jun	72.4	11.4	219.8	9.5	2,017.3	8.2
	Jul	71.9	11.1	228.1	8.8	2,038.0	8.3
	Aug	69.9	11.2	229.0	8.3	2,052.7	8.5
	Sep	69.2	10.8	228.7	8.6	2,050.9	8.7
	Oct	68.6	9.4	229.7	7.9	2,051.6	8.2
	Nov	69.0	9.0	229.6	7.8	2,045.5	7.7
	Dec	68.4	9.2	231.0	7.3	2,053.8	7.1
2004	Jan	64.7	12.1	228.1	7.6	2,042.9	7.3
	Feb						
	Mar						
	Apr						
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Jan03	70.1	13.3	207.4	10.6	1,900.6	7.9
	Jan-Jan04	70.0	9.8	196.4	10.8	1,899.6	9.6
	% Change	-0.1		-5.3		-0.1	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



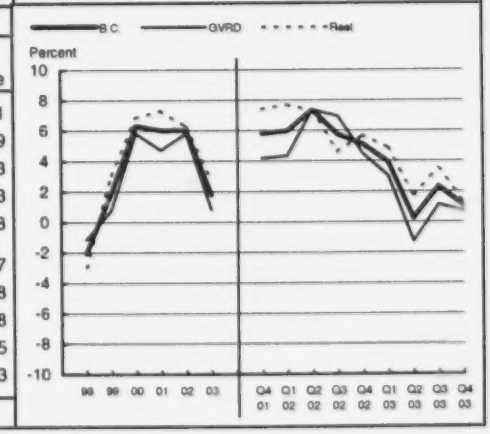
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales: B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	Percent change on year ago: B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
Annual	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
data	2002	40,272.6	19,996.5	20,276.1	6.0	5.8	6.3
	2003	40,998.1	20,161.5	20,836.6	1.8	0.8	2.8
	02 4	10,746.4	5,282.7	5,463.7	5.1	4.5	5.7
Quarterly	03 1	9,183.5	4,597.1	4,586.4	3.9	3.0	4.8
data	03 2	10,405.9	5,160.5	5,245.4	0.2	-1.3	1.8
	03 3	10,549.5	5,081.9	5,467.6	2.3	1.1	3.5
	03 4	10,859.2	5,322.0	5,537.2	1.0	0.7	1.3

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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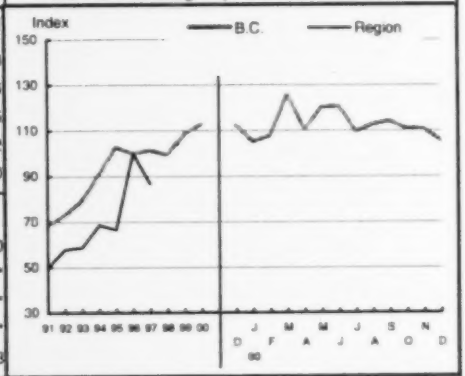
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	0	0	0	0	0
25	Wood	6	6	6	6	6
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	5	5	5	5	5
30	Metal Fabricating	1	1	1	2	2
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	20	19	19	22	20
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
25	Wood	**	219.1	176.0	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	143.2	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	359.4	420.0	406.8	611.9	530.3
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	0	0	0	0	0
25	Wood	**	991	728	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	453	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	3,043	3,139	2,826	2,889	2,888
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
25	Wood	**	42.2	34.4	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	22.3	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	137.2	145.1	141.9	148.6	166.8

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



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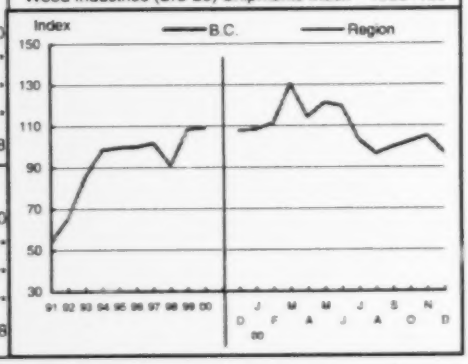
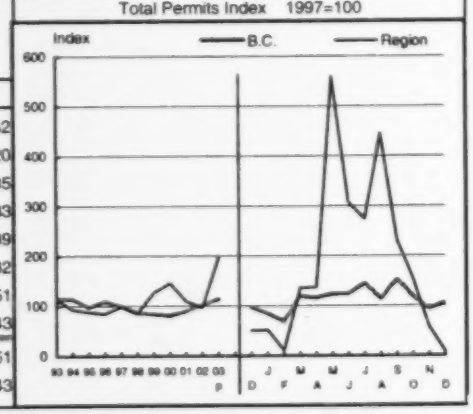


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Commercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1996	34.8	17.5	6.4	117.5	0.8	17.3	162
1997	41.0	18.0	5.4	136.8	2.4	23.0	220
1998	35.5	11.4	1.8	76.3	1.7	24.1	185
1999	52.2	26.5	12.3	77.9	7.2	25.7	233
2000	60.0	30.8	19.2	67.1	1.6	29.2	189
2001	45.3	18.4	3.9	82.0	10.5	26.8	182
2002	40.1	7.7	2.4	47.5	1.9	32.4	151
2003 p	81.0	17.4	2.8	88.1	8.2	63.6	343
YTD Dec '02	40.1	7.7	2.4	45.0	1.9	32.4	151
YTD Dec '03	81.0	17.4	2.8	88.1	8.2	63.6	343

Total Permits Index 1997=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

Kootenay-Boundary
Regional District

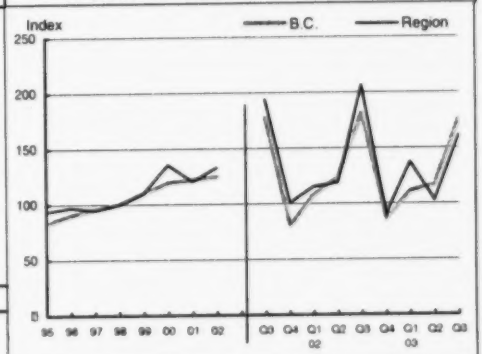
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Kootenay-B'ndary Regional District	1999	5,029.8	1,327.6	976.1	1,717.7	1,008.4
	2000	6,191.8	1,455.5	1,185.5	2,248.7	1,302.1
	2001	5,501.2	1,020.2	1,121.3	2,209.0	1,150.7
	2002	6,062.1	1,316.6	1,358.3	2,350.7	1,036.6
	2003	4,580.1	1,565.8	1,175.7	1,838.5	
British Columbia	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,219,898.9	335,825.8	352,914.7	531,158.4	

Kootenay-B'ndary 2002 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	6,062.1	100.0%
Motels	3,580.4	59.1%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

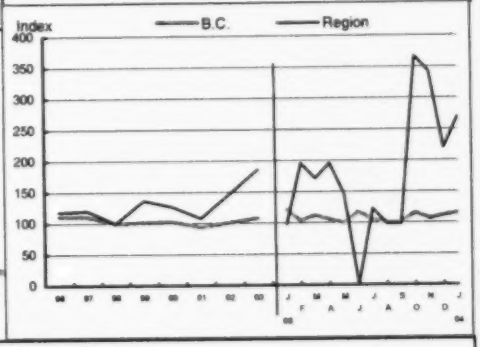


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1996	58
1997	59
1998	49
1999	67
2000	62
2001	53
2002	72
2003	91
Jan-Jan 03	8
Jan-Jan 04	11

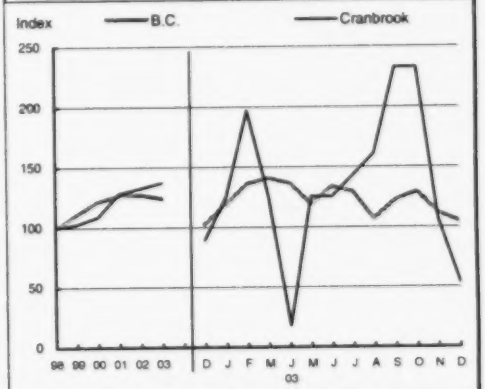
Incorporations Index 1998=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1998=100
Total = Consumer + Business



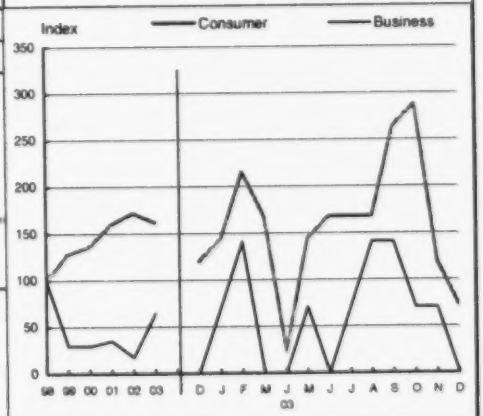
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Cranbrook Consumer	Cranbrook Business	Non-urban B.C. Consumer	Non-urban B.C. Business	B.C. Consumer	B.C. Business
1999	64	5	854	170	8,181	1,077
2000	68	5	983	148	9,184	980
2001	80	6	1,187	187	9,476	1,101
2002	86	3	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
2003	81	11	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
Jan-Dec 02	86	3	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
Jan-Dec 03	81	11	1,186	173	9,385	1,002

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Cranbrook Indices 1998=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women Tot. Female 19-64
Kootenay-B'ndary Regional District	Mar '01	6.6	9.4	9.2	5.7	3.2
	Jun '01	6.4	9.4	9.1	5.3	3.3
	Sep '01	5.9	8.4	8.4	5.0	3.1
	Dec '01	5.7	8.0	7.8	4.8	2.9
	Mar '02	5.9	8.5	8.0	5.1	2.9
	Jun '02	5.1	7.2	6.3	4.3	2.7
	Sep '02	4.3	6.2	4.6	3.7	2.4
	Dec '02	4.1	5.9	4.0	3.6	2.1
	Mar '03	4.0	5.5	4.4	3.6	2.0
	Jun '03	3.5	4.8	3.9	3.2	1.8

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

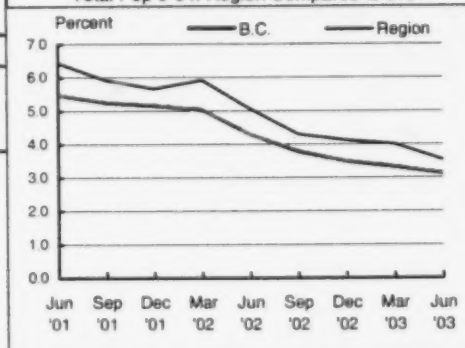
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64	
4.9	6.9	5.4	2.1	Mar '01
3.3	4.7	3.6	1.4	Jun '01
3.0	4.0	3.3	1.2	Sep '01
4.7	5.4	5.3	1.9	Dec '01
5.5	6.6	6.1	2.6	Mar '02
3.8	4.1	4.3	1.9	Jun '02
3.3	3.4	3.8	1.5	Sep '02
5.0	6.1	5.5	2.3	Dec '02
5.0	6.4	5.5	2.5	Mar '03
3.7	4.5	4.0	1.9	Jun '03

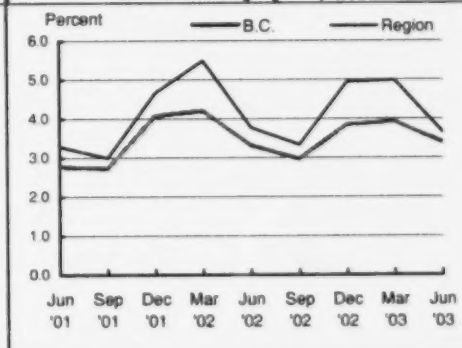
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of June '03)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	950	110,570
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	35.8	39.6
1-2 Years	15.0	14.7
>2 Years	49.2	45.7

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

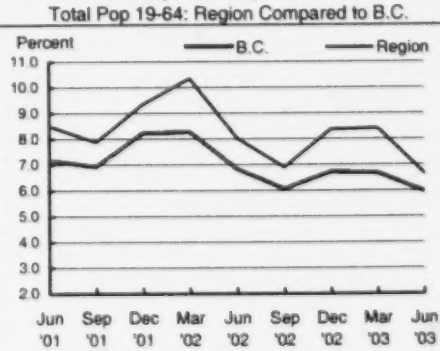
- Data too small to release.

12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64
Kootenay-B'ndary Regional District	Jun '01	8.5	13.7	8.8	4.5
	Sep '01	7.9	12.3	8.2	4.3
	Dec '01	9.4	13.0	9.9	5.1
	Mar '02	10.4	14.2	11.1	5.6
	Jun '02	8.0	10.2	8.6	4.8
	Sep '02	6.9	7.9	7.5	4.2
	Dec '02	8.4	10.1	9.1	5.0
	Mar '03	8.4	10.8	9.0	4.9
	Jun '03	6.7	8.3	7.1	4.0

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

Kootenay-Boundary
Regional District

13 Demographics

The median age of the population of this region is older than the provincial median. As a result, the ratio of elderly (aged 65 and over) to working age population (aged 18 to 64) is also higher than the corresponding provincial ratio. However, the ratio of children (aged 17 and under) to working age population is slightly higher than the provincial ratio. This age structure is likely the result of layoffs in the resource sectors and at Cominco, that have forced those young workers with less seniority to move elsewhere to find jobs. Those left behind are generally older and more likely to have families.

14 Projection

Job losses in the forestry sector will likely continue, resulting in out-migration for the short-term. This region is expected to receive small net inflows of migrants over in the long-term and this will lead to slow, steady population growth. However, towards the end of the projection period the losses due to a negative natural increase (i.e., deaths outnumbering births) should match net migration resulting in a popualation growth rate of close to zero.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

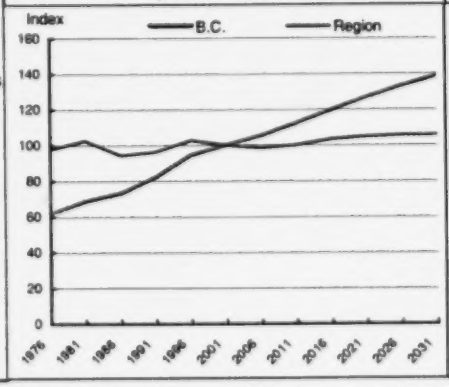
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							House-holds	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	2.2	7.5	4.2	7.8	7.5	3.3	32.5	10.9	0.500	0.170	0.670	1976
1981	2.3	6.8	4.4	9.2	7.2	4.2	34.1	12.4	0.436	0.200	0.637	1981
1986	2.2	5.8	2.8	9.0	6.8	4.7	31.4	12.3	0.431	0.250	0.681	1986
1991	2.0	5.9	2.5	9.7	6.7	5.2	32.0	12.7	0.417	0.275	0.692	1991
1996	1.8	6.4	2.4	9.7	8.1	5.7	34.1	13.9	0.404	0.281	0.686	1996
2001	1.4	5.6	2.5	8.4	9.3	5.9	33.2	14.3	0.348	0.294	0.642	2001
2006	1.2	4.7	3.1	7.0	10.4	6.3	32.7	14.6	0.288	0.309	0.597	2006
2011	1.4	4.0	2.8	7.1	11.2	6.8	33.2	15.5	0.252	0.320	0.572	2011
2016	1.5	4.0	2.4	7.7	10.8	7.9	34.3	16.4	0.262	0.377	0.639	2016
2021	1.4	4.2	2.1	8.2	9.7	9.2	34.7	16.7	0.280	0.463	0.743	2021
2026	1.2	4.3	2.0	8.3	8.7	10.5	35.1	16.9	0.292	0.551	0.843	2026
2031	1.1	4.1	2.3	7.4	9.0	11.1	35.1	17.3	0.280	0.591	0.871	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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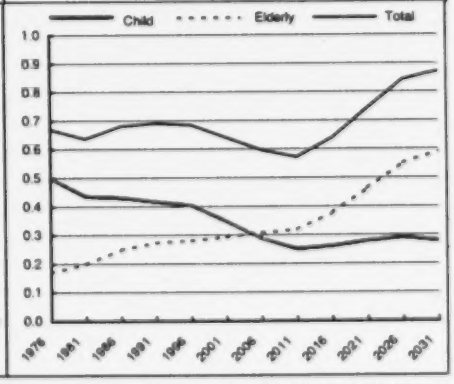

Source: Population data are Projection P-28, run in Summer 2003. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

Mount Waddington
Regional District

1 **General Economy**

Municipalities in Regional District: Alert Bay, Port Alice, Port Hardy, Port McNeill

The AAC has been reduced and the trade restrictions with the US have resulted in shutdowns. The Port Alice mill is into an indefinite shutdown putting over 400 people out of work. Fisheries activity is in the process of changing from a prodominately wild fishery to fish farming. The fish processing plant in Port Hardy is the largest employer in the area dressing mostly farmed fish. Fish farming is posed to grow but regulations are in review in an attempt to clean up the industry so that its impacts on the environment and other life forms is not detrimental. Tourists continue to be attracted to resorts in the islands during the summer months. Wind farms have been proposed.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P28 completed in the Summer of 2003. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 **Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2002**

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Mount Waddington							British Columbia	
		Firms with	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
		No Em-ployees	Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	444	559	42	13	3	617	100.0%	100.0%	157,421
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	102	105	6	5	1	117	19.0%	5.7%	9,047
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	-	1	0	0	0	1	0.2%	0.5%	778
22	Utilities	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.1%	154
23	Construction	58	47	4	0	0	51	8.3%	10.7%	16,879
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	23	33	3	1	1	38	6.2%	5.6%	8,797
41	Wholesale Trade	22	25	1	1	0	27	4.4%	6.5%	10,253
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	33	66	4	2	0	72	11.7%	11.3%	17,808
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	30	56	0	0	0	56	9.1%	4.6%	7,319
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	3	4	0	0	0	4	0.6%	1.6%	2,484
52	Finance & Insurance	9	5	1	0	0	6	1.0%	3.4%	5,304
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	33	12	1	0	0	13	2.1%	4.5%	7,019
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	31	40	0	0	0	40	6.5%	11.3%	17,711
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	24	4	0	0	0	4	0.6%	2.1%	3,267
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	12	20	3	1	0	24	3.9%	4.8%	7,564
61	Educational Services	2	3	0	0	1	4	0.6%	1.2%	1,820
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	2	31	3	1	0	35	5.7%	8.6%	13,571
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	4	15	1	0	0	16	2.6%	1.8%	2,808
72	Accom. & Food Services	25	46	8	2	0	56	9.1%	7.3%	11,558
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	29	38	2	0	0	40	6.5%	7.9%	12,476
91	Public Administration	1	8	5	0	0	13	2.1%	0.5%	804

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Vancouver Island/ Coast		Victoria		British Columbia	
		Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
	1994	0.0	0.0	144.3	7.1	1,754.0	9.0
	1995	309.9	9.2	143.1	8.4	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	309.8	9.4	143.5	8.5	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	322.7	8.6	149.8	7.5	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	315.7	9.6	146.6	8.7	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	329.1	8.0	154.2	6.7	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	325.8	7.8	153.6	6.7	1,949.1	7.2
	2001	305.3	9.1	148.9	6.1	1,942.4	7.7
	2002	311.9	8.7	151.2	7.1	1,973.4	8.5
	2003	313.1	8.7	155.2	6.1	2,023.3	8.1
2003	Jan	305.1	9.1	150.1	6.5	1,969.8	8.5
	Feb	308.7	9.0	151.5	6.4	1,964.3	8.6
	Mar	313.0	9.0	152.8	6.0	1,971.3	8.5
	Apr	316.3	8.3	153.2	5.8	1,987.8	8.3
	May	316.5	8.4	153.4	6.2	2,002.6	8.3
	Jun	313.6	8.6	152.0	7.1	2,017.3	8.2
	Jul	314.4	8.5	154.2	7.2	2,038.0	8.3
	Aug	313.5	8.8	156.2	7.2	2,052.7	8.5
	Sep	311.7	8.4	156.9	6.8	2,050.9	8.7
	Oct	308.6	8.6	156.1	6.5	2,051.6	8.2
	Nov	309.0	8.5	156.7	5.5	2,045.5	7.7
	Dec	314.1	8.7	159.2	4.7	2,053.8	7.1
2004	Jan	315.3	9.1	157.9	5.2	2,042.9	7.3
	Feb						
	Mar						
	Apr						
	May						
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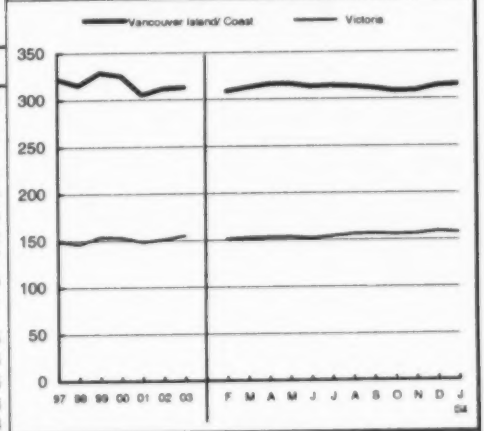
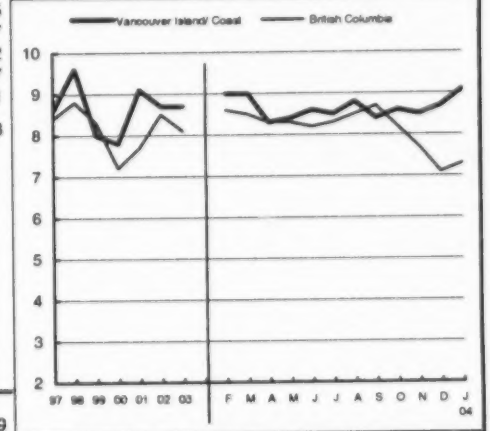
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Jan03	291.3	9.5	143.8	7.1	1,900.6	7.9
	Jan-Jan04	305.2	11.2	151.2	8.0	1,899.6	9.6
	% Change	4.8		5.1		-0.1	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



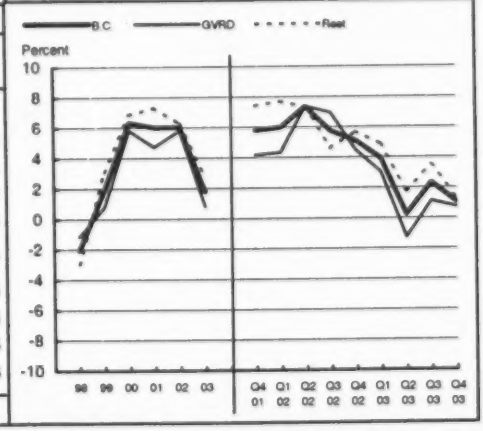
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
	2002	40,272.6	19,996.5	20,276.1	6.0	5.8	6.3
	2003	40,998.1	20,161.5	20,836.6	1.8	0.8	2.8
Quarterly data	02 4	10,746.4	5,282.7	5,463.7	5.1	4.5	5.7
	03 1	9,183.5	4,597.1	4,586.4	3.9	3.0	4.8
	03 2	10,405.9	5,160.5	5,245.4	0.2	-1.3	1.8
	03 3	10,549.5	5,081.9	5,467.6	2.3	1.1	3.5
	03 4	10,859.2	5,322.0	5,537.2	1.0	0.7	1.3

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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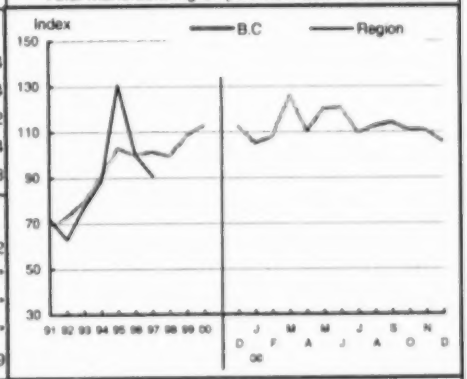
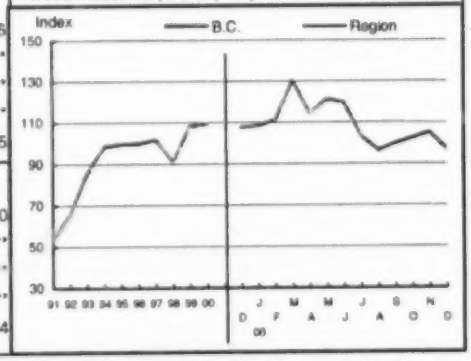
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	2	2	2	4	4
25	Wood	1	1	2	4	4
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	0	0	1	2	2
30	Metal Fabricating	2	1	3	4	4
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	11	10	15	19	18
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	33.2
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	0.0	0.0	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	210.9	242.5	358.2	274.2	248.9
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	196
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	0	0	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	900	1,024	1,057	1,045	1,095
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	5.0
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	0.0	0.0	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	42.7	45.7	54.4	52.9	60.4

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

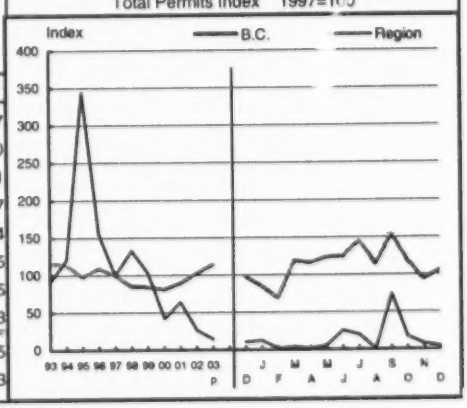


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Commercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1996	9.3	2.1	0.6	9.3	0.2	7.2	67
1997	6.0	1.9	-	6.0	0.0	4.1	30
1998	8.0	5.2	0.4	8.0	2.6	2.8	21
1999	6.2	4.8	1.5	6.2	2.2	1.4	7
2000	2.5	1.5	0.2	2.5	0.2	1.0	4
2001	3.9	2.4	0.4	3.9	1.0	1.4	5
2002	1.6	0.3	0.0	1.6	0.0	1.3	5
2003 p	0.9	0.1	0.1	0.9	0.0	0.8	3
YTD Dec '02	1.6	0.3	0.0	1.6	0.0	1.3	5
YTD Dec '03	0.9	0.1	0.1	0.9	0.0	0.8	3

Total Permits Index 1997=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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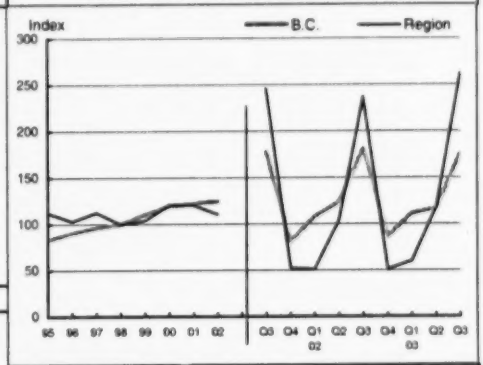
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Mt. Waddington Regional District	1999	4,607.0	435.8	1,173.3	2,339.8	658.0
	2000	5,346.1	589.3	1,313.1	2,710.5	733.2
	2001	5,333.7	732.8	1,298.4	2,721.4	581.0
	2002	4,909.7	567.7	1,147.9	2,624.8	569.2
	2003	4,880.1	666.8	1,309.2	2,904.1	
British Columbia	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,219,898.9	335,825.8	352,914.7	531,158.4	

Mt. Waddington 2002 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	4,909.7	100.0%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

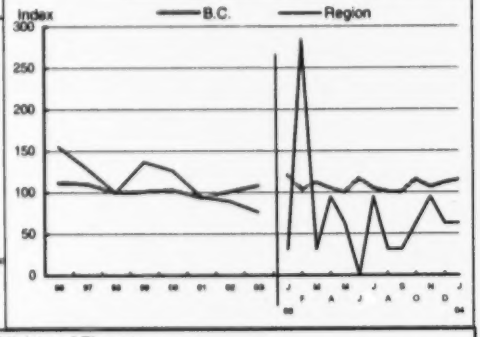


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1996	59
1997	49
1998	38
1999	52
2000	48
2001	36
2002	34
2003	29
Jan-Jan 03	9
Jan-Jan 04	2

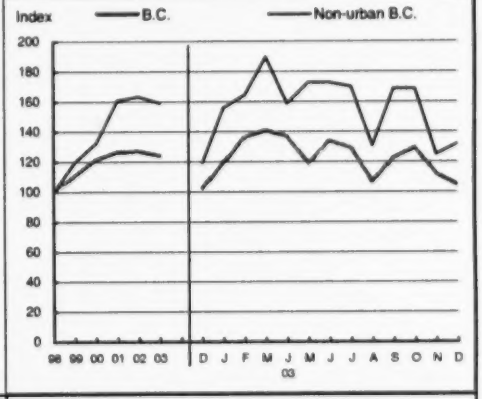
Incorporations Index 1998=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1998=100
Total = Consumer + Business



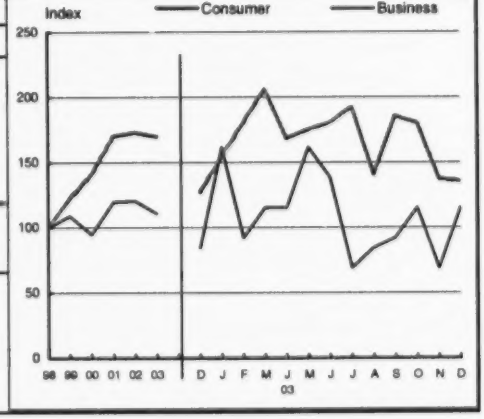
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Non-urban B.C. Consumer	Non-urban B.C. Business	B.C. Consumer	B.C. Business
1999	854	170	8,181	1,077
2000	983	148	9,184	980
2001	1,187	187	9,476	1,101
2002	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
2003	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
Jan-Dec 02	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
Jan-Dec 03	1,186	173	9,385	1,002

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Non-urban B.C. Indices 1998=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

	Subject Group (receiving benefits)	All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women	
	Reference Group	Total Pop. 0-64	Total Pop. <19	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64	
Mt. Waddington Regional District	Mar '01	5.1	6.9	9.7	3.9	2.4	Mar '01
	Jun '01	5.0	6.8	11.6	3.5	2.6	Jun '01
	Sep '01	4.8	7.2	9.0	3.4	2.7	Sep '01
	Dec '01	4.9	6.9	10.2	3.4	2.7	Dec '01
	Mar '02	5.0	7.2	10.6	3.7	2.4	Mar '02
	Jun '02	3.3	4.5	7.7	2.4	1.8	Jun '02
	Sep '02	2.3	3.0	4.7	1.8	1.2	Sep '02
	Dec '02	2.4	3.2	4.7	1.8	1.2	Dec '02
	Mar '03	2.1	2.8	4.1	1.6	1.1	Mar '03
	Jun '03	1.9	2.7	2.3	1.5	1.0	Jun '03

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

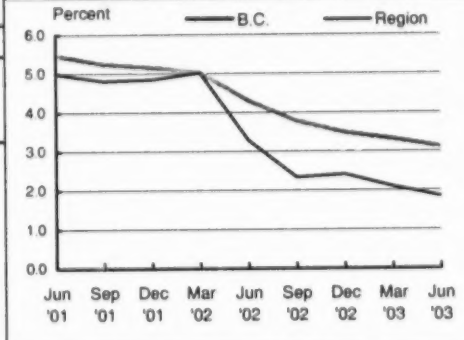
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64	
4.9	4.4	5.2	3.6	Mar '01
3.4	3.6	3.6	2.3	Jun '01
4.4	4.2	4.7	3.2	Sep '01
11.4	9.7	12.1	9.2	Dec '01
8.8	6.4	9.6	6.7	Mar '02
6.1	3.9	7.1	3.5	Jun '02
5.9	6.3	6.4	3.1	Sep '02
6.8	6.2	7.4	4.8	Dec '02
6.6	5.5	7.2	4.9	Mar '03
8.5	7.6	9.0	7.0	Jun '03

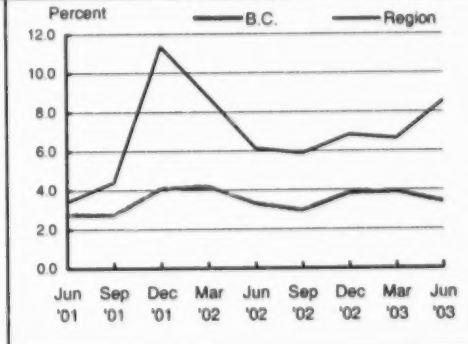
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of June '03)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	207	110,570
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	46.9	39.6
1-2 Years	19.1	14.7
>2 Years	34.0	45.7

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

\- Data too small to release.

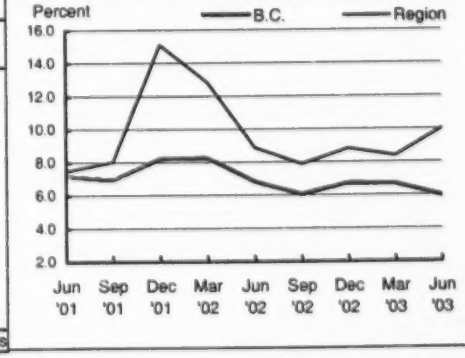
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

	Subject Group (receiving assistance)	All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
	Reference Group	Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64
Mt. Waddington Regional District	Jun '01	7.5	14.4	7.0	5.0
	Sep '01	8.0	12.8	7.8	5.6
	Dec '01	15.1	19.0	15.3	11.4
	Mar '02	12.9	16.5	13.2	8.8
	Jun '02	8.9	11.3	9.4	4.7
	Sep '02	7.9	11.1	8.2	4.4
	Dec '02	8.8	10.9	9.0	6.4
	Mar '03	8.4	9.4	8.8	6.1
	Jun '03	10.0	9.8	10.5	8.2

Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



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13 Demographics

The dependence on the male-dominated professions in the resource sectors is the reason for the heavy weighting of the gender ratio in favour of males in this area. Nonetheless, the total fertility rate is much higher than the provincial average. The median age of the population is also substantially younger than the provincial median and this is reflected in the child and elderly dependency ratios. The child dependency ratio (i.e., the ratio of those aged 17 and under to those aged 18 to 64) is higher than the provincial ratio, while the elderly dependency ratio (i.e., the ratio of those aged 65 and over to those aged 18 to 64) is substantially lower than the provincial ratio.

14 Projection

The long-term outlook for this region is for consistent net migration outflows. The natural increase (the excess of births over deaths) will likely continue to drop, lowering the population growth rate even further over the duration of the projection.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households (,000)	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages		Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	1.4	3.3	1.9	4.4	1.6	0.3	12.8	3.6	0.593	0.042	0.635	1976
1981	1.7	3.4	2.3	5.6	1.8	0.3	15.1	4.8	0.528	0.035	0.563	1981
1986	1.6	3.5	1.8	6.0	2.1	0.4	15.5	5.2	0.513	0.040	0.554	1986
1991	1.3	3.3	1.3	5.4	2.5	0.5	14.3	5.0	0.501	0.054	0.555	1991
1996	1.2	3.4	1.4	5.4	3.2	0.6	15.2	5.5	0.460	0.061	0.521	1996
2001	0.9	2.9	1.2	4.4	3.6	0.8	13.8	5.4	0.409	0.083	0.492	2001
2006	0.8	2.5	1.5	3.7	4.3	1.0	13.9	5.6	0.355	0.108	0.463	2006
2011	0.8	2.3	1.4	3.4	4.6	1.5	14.0	6.0	0.324	0.156	0.479	2011
2016	0.7	2.1	1.2	3.5	4.4	2.0	13.9	6.2	0.314	0.221	0.536	2016
2021	0.7	2.0	1.1	3.5	3.9	2.6	13.8	6.3	0.315	0.311	0.626	2021
2026	0.6	1.9	1.0	3.5	3.4	3.2	13.5	6.3	0.322	0.410	0.731	2026
2031	0.6	1.7	1.0	3.2	3.1	3.6	13.1	6.2	0.319	0.500	0.819	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

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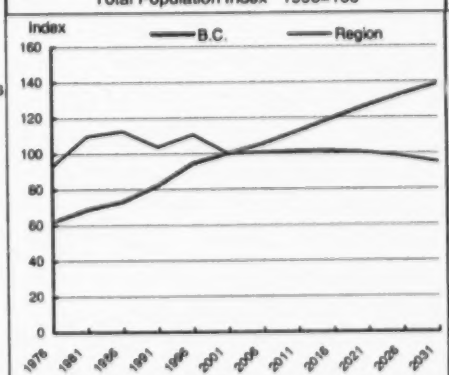
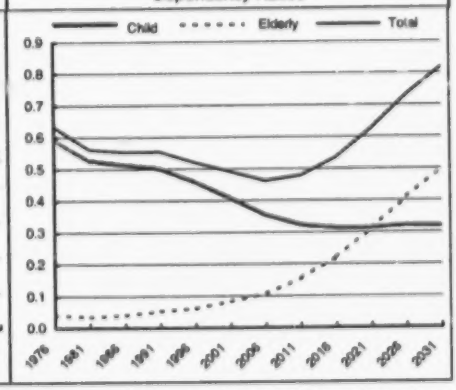


Dependency Ratios



Source: Population data are Projection P-26, run in Summer 2003. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Nanaimo, Parksville, Qualicum Beach

The port of Nanaimo dominates the activity in the area, making the city a regional centre. Transporation to the port from areas throughout the island has changed significantly with the completion of the new island highway. Rail transport has had to beef up passenger service in order to continue operating as commercial products utilize the new highway.

A new conference centre is being built and will contribute to increased tourism. As well as having a water port, Nanaimo has a growing airport and is now the second largest on the island. While resource activity has been in decline, Nanaimo continues to attract health and educational services. Enrollment at the university/college continues to grow and expansion and upgrades are under construction. Acute health care services expansion make this sector one of the largest employers in the region.

Housing and retail development in the Parksville/Qualicum area, north of Nanaimo, continues to grow rapidly with tourism, retirees, and the associated service sector. This area is also attracting working people who are not in need of living in close proximity to work.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P28 completed in the Summer of 2003. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2002

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Nanaimo							British Columbia	
		Firms with No Employees	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
			Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	4,768	4,065	303	128	22	4,518	100.0%	100.0%	157,421
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	304	195	14	7	1	217	4.8%	5.7%	9,047
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	13	14	0	0	0	14	0.3%	0.5%	778
22	Utilities	2	2	1	0	0	3	0.1%	0.1%	154
23	Construction	949	546	35	3	1	585	12.9%	10.7%	16,879
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	192	182	7	11	2	202	4.5%	5.6%	8,797
41	Wholesale Trade	162	206	11	6	0	223	4.9%	6.5%	10,253
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	355	554	43	20	4	621	13.7%	11.3%	17,808
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	206	166	11	3	1	181	4.0%	4.6%	7,319
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	46	33	7	3	1	44	1.0%	1.6%	2,484
52	Finance & Insurance	211	102	15	4	2	123	2.7%	3.4%	5,304
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	635	161	10	8	1	180	4.0%	4.5%	7,019
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	619	457	17	2	0	476	10.5%	11.3%	17,711
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	231	70	4	2	0	76	1.7%	2.1%	3,267
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	216	191	18	5	1	215	4.8%	4.8%	7,564
61	Educational Services	43	35	0	0	3	38	0.8%	1.2%	1,820
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	55	450	29	16	3	498	11.0%	8.6%	13,571
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	72	77	5	6	0	88	1.9%	1.8%	2,808
72	Accom. & Food Services	153	254	67	27	0	348	7.7%	7.3%	11,558
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	304	355	9	2	1	367	8.1%	7.9%	12,476
91	Public Administration	-	15	0	3	1	19	0.4%	0.5%	804

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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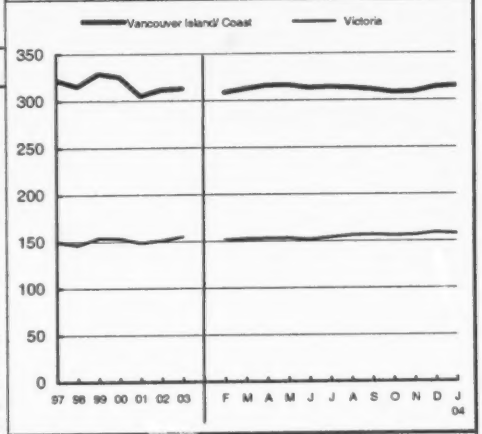
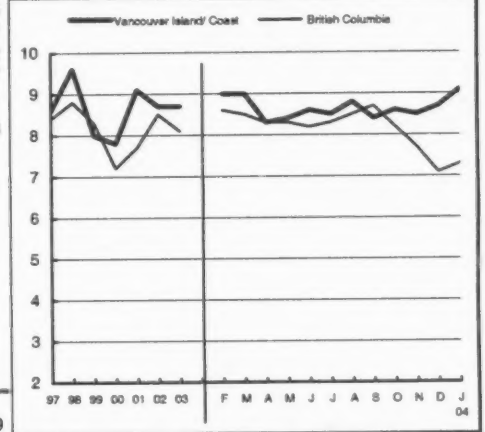
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Vancouver Island/ Coast		Victoria		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp %
	1994	0.0	0.0	144.3	7.1	1,754.0	9.0
	1995	309.9	9.2	143.1	8.4	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	309.8	9.4	143.5	8.5	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	322.7	8.6	149.8	7.5	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	315.7	9.6	146.6	8.7	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	329.1	8.0	154.2	6.7	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	325.8	7.8	153.6	6.7	1,949.1	7.2
	2001	305.3	9.1	148.9	6.1	1,942.4	7.7
	2002	311.9	8.7	151.2	7.1	1,973.4	8.5
	2003	313.1	8.7	155.2	6.1	2,023.3	8.1
2003	Jan	305.1	9.1	150.1	6.5	1,969.8	8.5
	Feb	308.7	9.0	151.5	6.4	1,964.3	8.6
	Mar	313.0	9.0	152.8	6.0	1,971.3	8.5
	Apr	316.3	8.3	153.2	5.8	1,987.8	8.3
	May	316.5	8.4	153.4	6.2	2,002.6	8.3
	Jun	313.6	8.6	152.0	7.1	2,017.3	8.2
	Jul	314.4	8.5	154.2	7.2	2,038.0	8.3
	Aug	313.5	8.8	156.2	7.2	2,052.7	8.5
	Sep	311.7	8.4	156.9	6.8	2,050.9	8.7
	Oct	308.6	8.6	156.1	6.5	2,051.6	8.2
	Nov	309.0	8.5	156.7	5.5	2,045.5	7.7
	Dec	314.1	8.7	159.2	4.7	2,053.8	7.1
2004	Jan	315.3	9.1	157.9	5.2	2,042.9	7.3
	Feb						
	Mar						
	Apr						
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Jan03	291.3	9.5	143.8	7.1	1,900.6	7.9
	Jan-Jan04	305.2	11.2	151.2	8.0	1,899.6	9.6
	% Change	4.8		5.1		-0.1	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



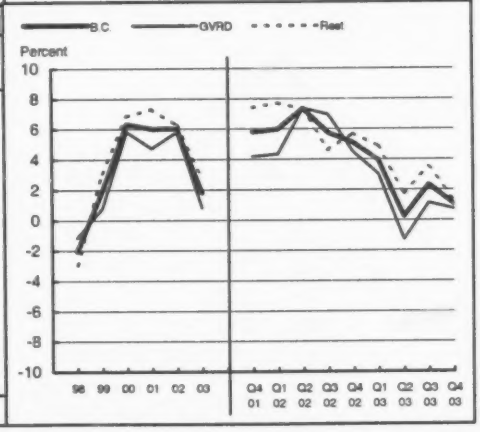
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
Annual	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
data	2002	40,272.6	19,996.5	20,276.1	6.0	5.8	6.3
	2003	40,998.1	20,161.5	20,836.6	1.8	0.8	2.8
	02 4	10,746.4	5,282.7	5,463.7	5.1	4.5	5.7
Quarterly	03 1	9,183.5	4,597.1	4,586.4	3.9	3.0	4.8
data	03 2	10,405.9	5,160.5	5,245.4	0.2	-1.3	1.8
	03 3	10,549.5	5,081.9	5,467.6	2.3	1.1	3.5
	03 4	10,859.2	5,322.0	5,537.2	1.0	0.7	1.3

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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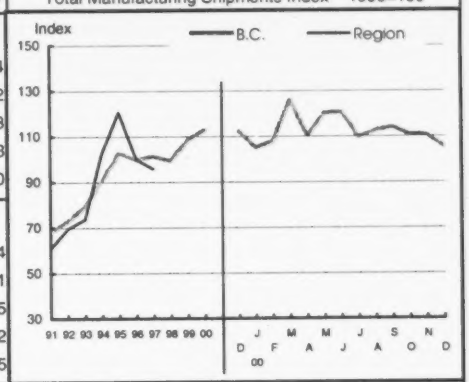
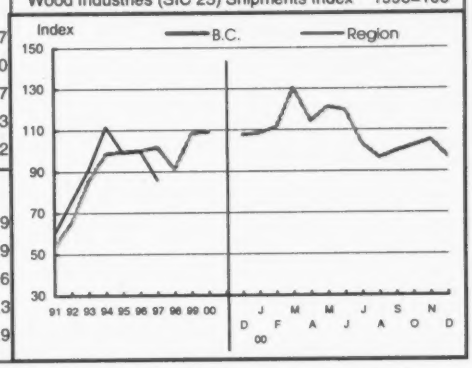
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	2	3	3	4	4
25	Wood	17	17	18	23	22
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	6	5	6	8	8
30	Metal Fabricating	11	9	11	14	13
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	65	65	76	95	90
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	10.8	14.4
25	Wood	343.4	420.3	372.8	376.4	323.1
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	360.5	326.5	330.7	271.5
30	Metal Fabricating	7.5	9.7	**	13.6	14.2
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	533.1	742.9	870.6	722.7	692.5
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	97	137
25	Wood	1,021	1,235	896	998	1,040
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	926	677	789	777
30	Metal Fabricating	94	119	**	136	153
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	2,493	2,831	2,659	2,726	3,022
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	2.9	3.9
25	Wood	46.9	57.8	43.1	54.8	54.9
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	46.3	35.3	46.7	43.6
30	Metal Fabricating	3.1	3.8	**	4.4	5.3
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	106.4	126.3	122.6	132.2	148.9

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

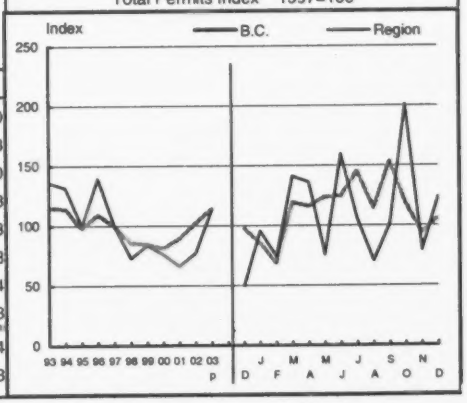


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Comm-ercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1996	254.2	67.5	1.7	254.2	8.7	186.8	1,720
1997	182.3	52.7	2.6	182.3	12.4	129.6	1,008
1998	132.7	51.1	6.8	132.7	20.9	81.6	720
1999	152.8	66.3	3.7	152.8	14.3	86.5	653
2000	138.8	69.0	2.7	138.8	26.3	69.7	498
2001	120.9	51.0	2.6	120.9	17.7	69.9	488
2002	141.1	30.8	1.5	141.1	8.2	110.2	764
2003 p	207.3	54.9	3.1	207.3	12.8	152.4	1,063
YTD Dec '02	141.1	30.8	1.5	141.1	8.0	110.2	764
YTD Dec '03	207.3	54.9	3.1	207.3	12.8	152.4	1,063

Total Permits Index 1997=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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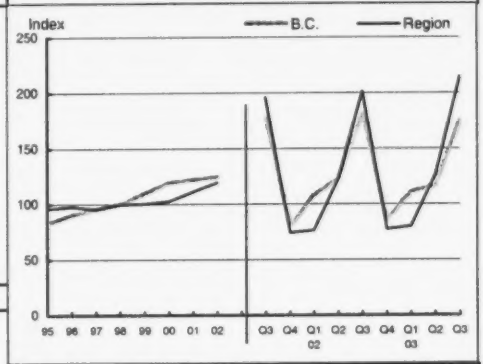
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Nanaimo Regional District	1999	28,806.7	4,690.1	6,903.3	12,545.5	4,667.8
	2000	29,400.2	4,506.3	7,124.4	12,900.7	4,868.8
	2001	31,921.1	4,876.2	7,678.6	14,029.5	5,336.8
	2002	34,261.9	5,492.9	8,795.1	14,404.6	5,569.3
	2003	30,192.9	5,755.4	9,074.7	15,362.9	
British Columbia	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,219,898.9	335,825.8	352,914.7	531,158.4	

Nanaimo 2002 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	34,261.9	100.0%
Hotels	17,417.9	50.8%
Motels	7,281.1	21.3%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

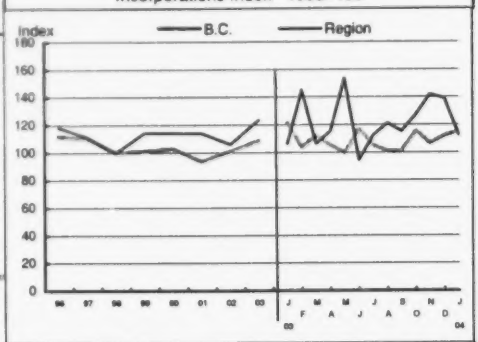


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1996	480
1997	452
1998	406
1999	464
2000	464
2001	463
2002	431
2003	502
Jan-Jan 03	49
Jan-Jan 04	30

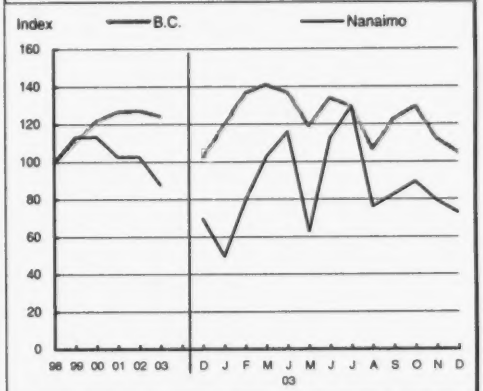
Incorporations Index 1998=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1998=100
Total = Consumer + Business



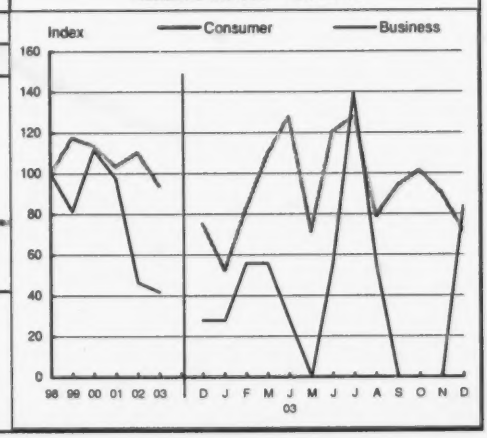
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Nanaimo Consumer	Nanaimo Business	Non-urban B.C. Consumer	Non-urban B.C. Business	B.C. Consumer	B.C. Business
1999	375	35	854	170	8,181	1,077
2000	363	48	983	148	9,184	980
2001	330	42	1,187	187	9,476	1,101
2002	352	20	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
2003	300	18	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
Jan-Dec 02	352	20	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
Jan-Dec 03	300	18	1,186	173	9,385	1,002

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Nanaimo Indices 1998=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

		All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women
Subject Group (receiving benefits)						
Reference Group		Total Pop. 0-64	Total Pop. <19	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64
Nanaimo Regional District	Mar '01	9.8	13.8	15.6	8.7	4.0
	Jun '01	9.8	13.9	15.5	8.7	4.1
	Sep '01	9.6	13.7	15.4	8.4	4.2
	Dec '01	9.1	12.8	14.5	8.1	3.9
	Mar '02	9.1	12.7	14.2	8.2	3.8
	Jun '02	7.8	11.2	11.4	7.0	3.3
	Sep '02	7.0	10.4	9.3	6.3	3.2
	Dec '02	6.4	9.2	8.3	5.8	2.7
	Mar '03	5.9	8.4	7.3	5.4	2.5
	Jun '03	5.6	8.0	7.1	5.1	2.4

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

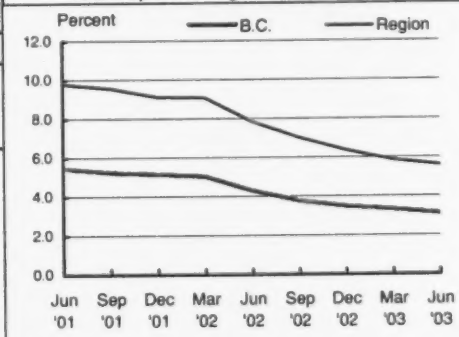
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

	Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
	Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64	
Mar '01	4.1	4.1	4.6	2.2	Mar '01
Jun '01	3.1	3.0	3.5	1.4	Jun '01
Sep '01	3.0	2.8	3.5	1.3	Sep '01
Dec '01	4.6	4.6	5.3	2.2	Dec '01
Mar '02	4.9	4.7	5.7	2.4	Mar '02
Jun '02	3.5	3.3	4.1	1.7	Jun '02
Sep '02	3.3	3.1	3.9	1.5	Sep '02
Dec '02	4.2	4.4	4.8	2.3	Dec '02
Mar '03	4.3	4.3	4.8	2.5	Mar '03
Jun '03	3.4	3.5	3.8	1.8	Jun '03

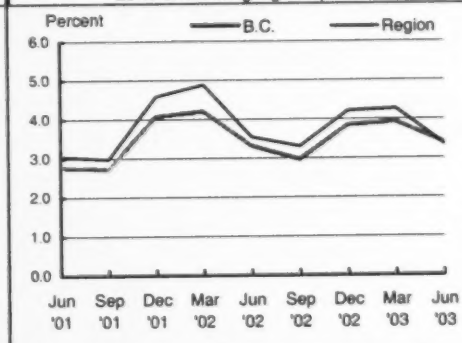
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of June '03)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	5,974	110,570
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	40.1	39.6
1-2 Years	15.5	14.7
>2 Years	44.4	45.7

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

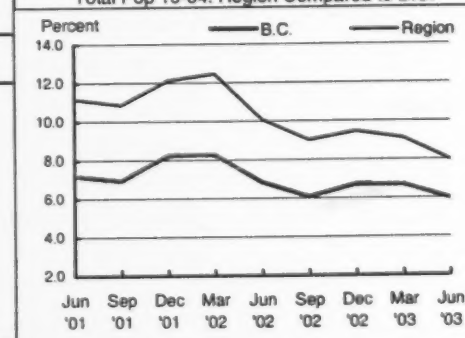
- Data too small to release.

12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

		All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
Subject Group (receiving assistance)					
Reference Group		Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64
Nanaimo Regional District	Jun '01	11.2	18.1	12.0	4.5
	Sep '01	10.9	17.7	11.7	4.3
	Dec '01	12.1	18.6	13.1	5.1
	Mar '02	12.5	18.5	13.6	5.3
	Jun '02	10.1	14.5	11.1	4.4
	Sep '02	9.0	12.1	10.1	3.8
	Dec '02	9.5	12.4	10.4	4.7
	Mar '03	9.1	11.4	10.0	4.8
	Jun '03	8.0	10.4	8.8	4.0

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

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13 Demographics

Although net migration to this region declined in the mid-eighties and late-nineties during the downturns in the forest sector, it remained positive. This is likely due to the strong service sector in Nanaimo. The large amount of service sector jobs combined with the substantial amount of retirees in the Qualicum area are likely the reasons why there is a gender bias in favour of females. With more females than males, Nanaimo is unlike neighbouring regions that are more dependent on the forest sector where jobs are more male-dominated. The retirement base is the reason why the median age of the region's population is higher than the provincial median.

14 Projection

Nanaimo's role as service centre for the central Island and the growing retirement base particularly in the Parksville/Qualicum area should ensure that the region continues to experience strong growth. It is projected that recent strong, positive net migration will persist in this area and it will continue to expand rapidly, growing in population by approximately 60 per cent over the next 30 years.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

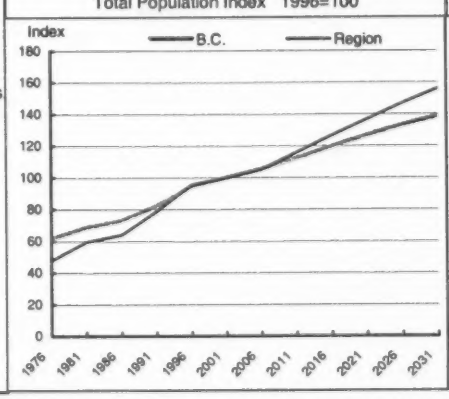
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							House-holds	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	4.2	14.0	8.0	15.8	14.3	7.0	63.3	21.5	0.477	0.185	0.662	1976
1981	5.5	15.0	9.6	22.9	16.5	9.5	79.0	29.5	0.417	0.194	0.611	1981
1986	5.7	15.0	8.1	25.3	18.0	12.8	84.9	34.1	0.403	0.250	0.653	1986
1991	6.6	17.7	8.5	31.7	22.4	17.4	104.3	41.6	0.388	0.278	0.666	1991
1996	7.3	21.4	10.2	37.0	29.3	21.3	126.5	51.4	0.376	0.279	0.655	1996
2001	5.9	21.1	10.4	33.9	36.1	25.1	132.5	57.4	0.337	0.313	0.650	2001
2006	5.5	19.7	12.2	32.9	40.8	28.2	139.3	62.8	0.294	0.328	0.622	2006
2011	6.6	19.2	12.6	37.0	46.1	32.0	153.5	71.4	0.270	0.335	0.604	2011
2016	7.5	20.0	12.5	41.5	48.6	37.4	167.6	79.5	0.267	0.365	0.632	2016
2021	7.8	22.2	11.6	46.0	50.0	43.3	181.1	85.9	0.280	0.403	0.682	2021
2026	7.9	24.2	12.4	48.3	52.2	49.3	194.3	92.1	0.285	0.437	0.721	2026
2031	8.0	25.3	13.9	48.6	56.6	54.3	206.7	98.8	0.279	0.456	0.736	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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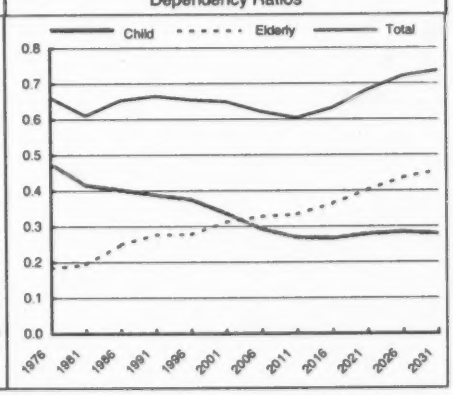

Source: Population data are Projection P-28, run in Summer 2003. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

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1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Armstrong, Coldstream, Enderby, Lumby, Spallumcheen, Vernon

The economy of this region is fairly diversified. Forestry, agriculture and tourism all play important roles. The climate in this area is an attraction for tourists, as well as providing a suitable environment for agriculture. An increasingly diversified economy should also help promote stability. There is also the potential for mining activity.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population p
in the Summer of 2003. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic co
with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are avail
development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas"
part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for
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The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2002

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	North Okanagan							British Columbia	
		Firms wit	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
		No Em-ployees	Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes ith Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	2,805	2,883	217	88	9	3,198	100.0%	100.0%	157,421
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing	358	321	12	5	1	339	10.6%	5.7%	9,047
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extrac	17	14	0	0	0	14	0.4%	0.5%	778
22	Utilities	5	5	1	0	0	6	0.2%	0.1%	154
23	Construction	483	378	23	6	0	407	12.7%	10.7%	16,879
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	115	134	22	20	1	177	5.5%	5.6%	8,797
41	Wholesale Trade	132	130	10	5	0	145	4.5%	6.5%	10,253
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	195	337	28	16	3	384	12.0%	11.3%	17,808
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48	147	142	7	2	0	151	4.7%	4.6%	7,319
51	Information & Cultural In	16	18	1	1	0	20	0.6%	1.6%	2,484
52	Finance & Insurance	151	70	7	2	0	79	2.5%	3.4%	5,304
53	Real Estate & Rental & Le	346	140	8	0	0	148	4.6%	4.5%	7,019
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Te	252	233	6	1	0	240	7.5%	11.3%	17,711
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Ente	134	76	7	0	0	83	2.6%	2.1%	3,267
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mg	107	121	6	2	0	129	4.0%	4.8%	7,564
61	Educational Services	19	20	0	0	1	21	0.7%	1.2%	1,820
62	Health Care & Social Assi	26	267	21	11	2	301	9.4%	8.6%	13,571
71	Arts, Entertainment & Rec	20	56	6	3	0	65	2.0%	1.8%	2,808
72	Accom. & Food Services	91	155	42	12	0	209	6.5%	7.3%	11,558
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public	190	241	6	2	0	249	7.8%	7.9%	12,476
91	Public Administration	1	25	4	1	1	31	1.0%	0.5%	804

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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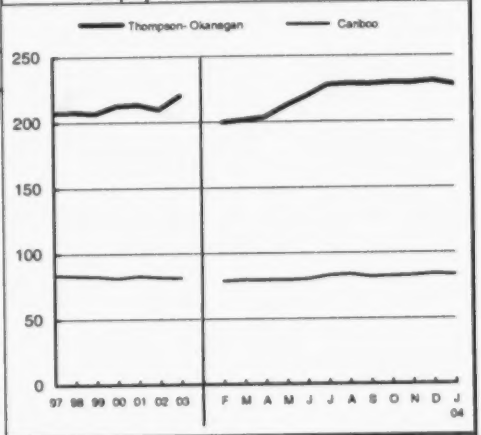
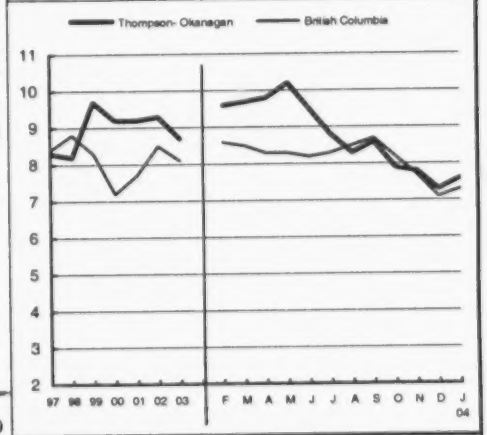
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Thompson-Okanagan		Cariboo		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %
	1994	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,754.0	9.0
	1995	194.7	10.2	80.4	9.7	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	201.1	10.4	86.8	8.6	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	207.7	8.3	84.0	9.8	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	208.2	8.2	83.3	14.5	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	207.1	9.7	82.9	11.6	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	212.7	9.2	81.5	9.9	1,949.1	7.2
	2001	213.7	9.2	83.0	9.7	1,942.4	7.7
	2002	210.0	9.3	81.9	12.6	1,973.4	8.5
	2003	220.3	8.7	81.6	11.2	2,023.3	8.1
2003	Jan	204.3	9.4	78.4	13.1	1,969.8	8.5
	Feb	200.2	9.6	79.2	13.0	1,964.3	8.6
	Mar	201.7	9.7	79.9	12.8	1,971.3	8.5
	Apr	203.7	9.8	79.8	12.5	1,987.8	8.3
	May	212.4	10.2	79.7	12.6	2,002.6	8.3
	Jun	219.8	9.5	80.4	13.0	2,017.3	8.2
	Jul	228.1	8.8	83.1	12.1	2,038.0	8.3
	Aug	229.0	8.3	83.9	10.8	2,052.7	8.5
	Sep	228.7	8.6	82.1	10.4	2,050.9	8.7
	Oct	229.7	7.9	82.4	9.8	2,051.6	8.2
	Nov	229.6	7.8	82.9	9.5	2,045.5	7.7
	Dec	231.0	7.3	84.0	8.8	2,053.8	7.1
2004	Jan	228.1	7.6	83.3	9.8	2,042.9	7.3
	Feb						
	Mar						
	Apr						
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Jan03	207.4	10.6	82.4	10.3	1,900.6	7.9
	Jan-Jan04	196.4	10.8	82.5	14.0	1,899.6	9.6
	% Change	-5.3		0.1		-0.1	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



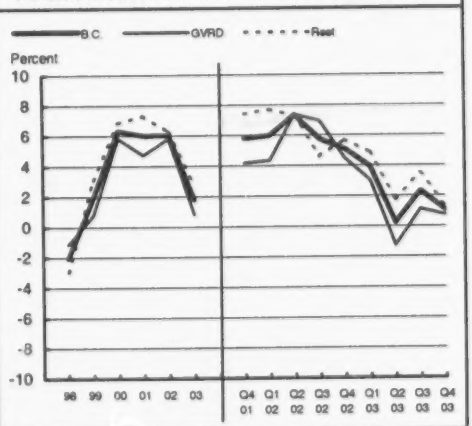
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
Annual	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
data	2002	40,272.6	19,996.5	20,276.1	6.0	5.8	6.3
	2003	40,998.1	20,161.5	20,836.6	1.8	0.8	2.8
	02 4	10,746.4	5,282.7	5,463.7	5.1	4.5	5.7
Quarterly	03 1	9,183.5	4,597.1	4,586.4	3.9	3.0	4.8
data	03 2	10,405.9	5,160.5	5,245.4	0.2	-1.3	1.8
	03 3	10,549.5	5,081.9	5,467.6	2.3	1.1	3.5
	03 4	10,859.2	5,322.0	5,537.2	1.0	0.7	1.3

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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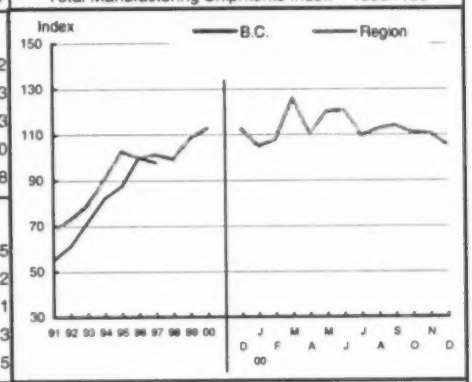
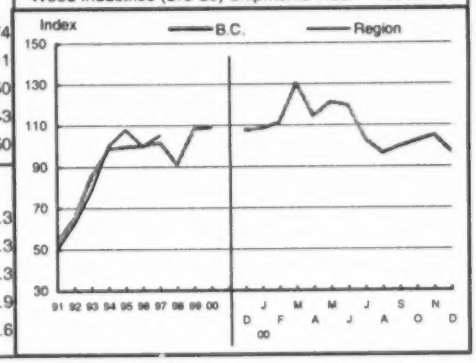
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	12	12	12	11	12
25	Wood	19	19	16	23	23
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	9	9	8	11	13
30	Metal Fabricating	9	9	10	10	10
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	80	82	86	91	88
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	106.5	101.8	106.2	187.4	129.5
25	Wood	267.0	339.1	365.8	338.6	356.2
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	175.9	219.4	234.3	210.6	233.1
30	Metal Fabricating	12.6	18.2	19.8	27.4	27.3
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	521.0	595.5	633.8	724.1	708.5
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	439	449	386	381	374
25	Wood	1,217	1,613	1,318	1,394	1,511
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	753	1,073	814	900	950
30	Metal Fabricating	112	138	142	153	143
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	2,929	3,375	2,942	3,199	3,350
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	14.2	14.5	16.5	17.4	12.3
25	Wood	52.6	67.9	62.6	67.2	77.3
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	34.3	45.1	39.5	43.1	50.3
30	Metal Fabricating	3.7	4.9	5.6	5.3	5.9
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	111.0	129.0	125.6	136.9	143.6

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

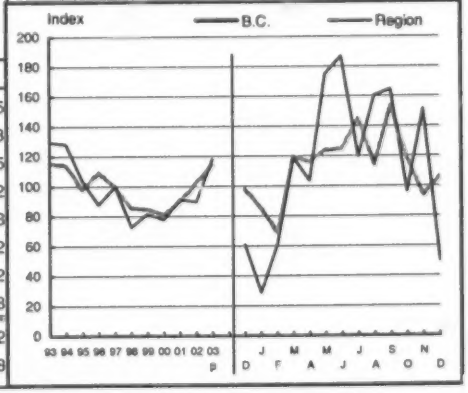


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Comm-ercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1996	73.5	23.2	2.8	163.8	7.9	50.3	505
1997	83.7	21.5	3.8	155.2	6.2	62.2	568
1998	61.0	17.4	1.3	119.9	7.9	43.6	475
1999	68.4	26.5	1.9	104.3	12.3	41.9	372
2000	65.1	27.6	5.7	89.4	3.6	37.5	303
2001	76.5	36.3	4.7	143.2	5.2	40.2	312
2002	75.1	28.3	6.3	98.1	5.5	46.8	312
2003 p	98.8	28.7	8.1	175.2	6.7	70.2	448
YTD Dec '02	78.6	31.7	9.8	96.7	5.5	46.9	312
YTD Dec '03	98.8	28.7	8.1	175.2	6.7	70.2	448

Total Permits Index 1997=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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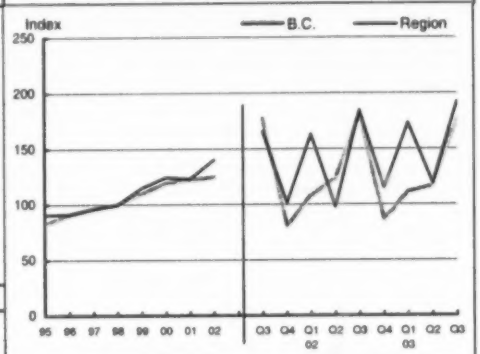
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
North Okanagan Regional District	1999	15,232.1	4,157.2	3,007.6	5,149.5	2,917.7
	2000	16,474.7	4,516.3	3,102.8	5,438.7	3,416.9
	2001	16,294.6	4,419.9	3,056.2	5,466.9	3,351.6
	2002	18,537.2	5,387.8	3,234.7	6,109.0	3,805.7
	2003	16,025.0	5,728.1	3,949.0	6,347.9	
British Columbia	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,219,898.9	335,825.8	352,914.7	531,158.4	

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100



North Okanagan 2002 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

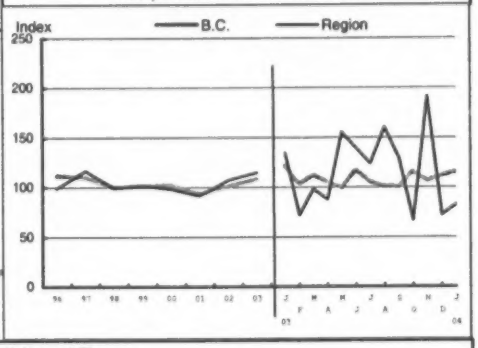
Total	18,537.2	100.0%
Hotels	12,063.3	65.1%
Motels	4,728.8	25.5%
Vacation Rentals	1,200.4	6.5%

Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1996	230
1997	271
1998	232
1999	237
2000	229
2001	213
2002	249
2003	267
Jan-Jan 03	14
Jan-Jan 04	15

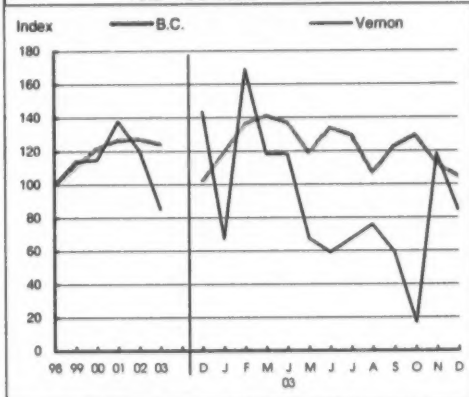
incorporations Index 1998=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1998=100
Total = Consumer + Business



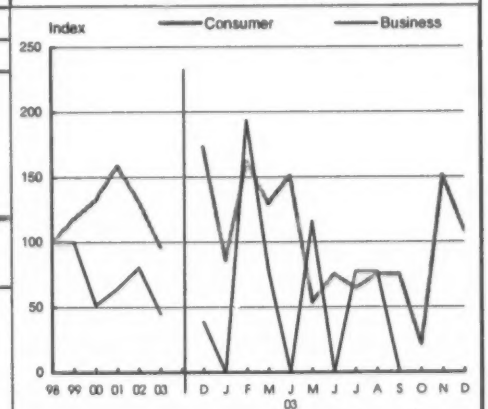
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

	Vernon		Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
Year	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1999	131	31	854	170	8,181	1,077
2000	147	16	983	148	9,184	980
2001	176	20	1,187	187	9,476	1,101
2002	146	25	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
2003	107	14	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
Jan-Dec 02	146	25	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
Jan-Dec 03	107	14	1,186	173	9,385	1,002

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Vernon Indices 1998=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

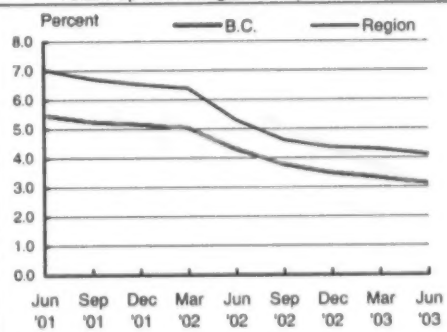
(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women Tot. Female 19-64
North Okanagan Regional District	Mar '01	7.1	10.1	9.3	6.1	3.6
	Jun '01	7.0	10.3	8.9	6.0	3.7
	Sep '01	6.7	10.0	8.0	5.7	3.6
	Dec '01	6.5	9.6	7.3	5.7	3.5
	Mar '02	6.4	9.3	6.9	5.8	3.2
	Jun '02	5.3	7.9	5.2	4.7	2.7
	Sep '02	4.6	6.9	4.3	4.0	2.4
	Dec '02	4.4	6.3	4.2	3.9	2.2
	Mar '03	4.3	6.1	4.2	3.9	2.1
	Jun '03	4.1	6.0	4.3	3.6	2.0

Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of June '03)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	2,570	110,570
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	49.1	39.6
1-2 Years	12.7	14.7
>2 Years	38.2	45.7

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



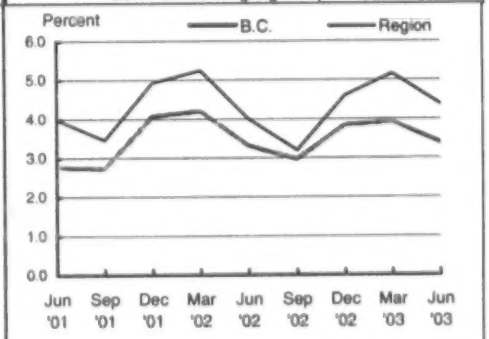
Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64	
4.7	5.4	5.1	2.6	Mar '01
4.0	4.8	4.4	2.1	Jun '01
3.5	4.4	3.8	1.5	Sep '01
4.9	5.8	5.5	2.3	Dec '01
5.2	6.0	5.9	2.7	Mar '02
4.0	4.8	4.4	2.0	Jun '02
3.2	3.8	3.6	1.6	Sep '02
4.6	4.5	5.2	2.4	Dec '02
5.2	5.7	5.8	2.7	Mar '03
4.4	4.6	4.9	2.4	Jun '03

EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



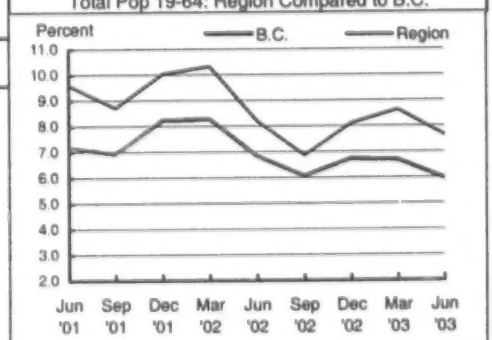
Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64
North Okanagan Regional District	Jun '01	9.6	13.4	10.3	4.9
	Sep '01	8.7	12.0	9.4	4.3
	Dec '01	10.0	12.7	11.0	4.9
	Mar '02	10.3	12.5	11.4	5.2
	Jun '02	8.2	9.8	9.0	4.5
	Sep '02	6.9	8.0	7.5	3.8
	Dec '02	8.1	8.5	9.0	4.6
	Mar '03	8.6	9.7	9.6	4.7
	Jun '03	7.7	8.8	8.5	4.1

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

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13 Demographics

Net migration appears to be recovering from the negative values from the late nineties. The median age of the area's population is higher than the provincial median, as is the elderly dependency ratio (i.e., the ratio of those aged 65 and over to those aged 18 to 64). As well, the child dependency ratio (i.e., the ratio of those aged 17 and under to those aged 18 to 64) is also higher than the provincial ratio making the overall dependency ratio approximately ten percentage points higher than it is for British Columbia as a whole. As is characteristic of rural areas, the total fertility rate is higher than the provincial rate.

14 Projection

As with most of the Okanagan, net migration should tend to be positive over the duration of the projection. The rates of in-migration may not reach those of the early nineties but should be high overall and despite the negative natural increase this area should have a high population growth rate.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

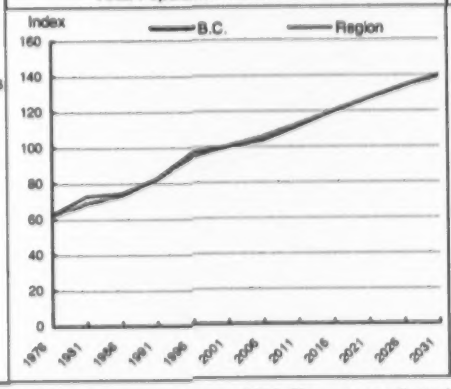
	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							House-holds	Dependency Ratios			
Year	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	Year
1976	3.6	11.9	6.0	12.2	9.4	4.9	48.0	15.5	0.560	0.178	0.739	1976
1981	4.1	12.0	6.5	15.7	10.9	6.6	55.7	19.4	0.486	0.198	0.685	1981
1986	3.9	11.2	5.6	16.4	11.8	8.0	56.9	21.7	0.443	0.236	0.679	1986
1991	4.0	11.9	5.2	18.7	13.6	10.0	63.3	24.0	0.426	0.267	0.693	1991
1996	4.3	14.0	6.0	21.4	16.8	11.8	74.3	28.7	0.414	0.267	0.681	1996
2001	3.6	13.5	6.3	20.1	20.0	13.0	76.4	31.5	0.370	0.280	0.650	2001
2006	3.5	12.1	7.6	18.8	22.8	14.2	78.9	34.3	0.318	0.289	0.606	2006
2011	4.0	11.6	7.4	20.4	25.4	16.0	84.8	38.1	0.293	0.300	0.594	2011
2016	4.3	12.1	7.1	22.7	26.5	18.5	91.3	41.8	0.291	0.329	0.619	2016
2021	4.4	13.2	6.5	24.8	26.8	21.4	97.1	44.5	0.302	0.367	0.670	2021
2026	4.3	13.9	7.0	25.5	27.2	24.5	102.4	47.2	0.306	0.411	0.716	2026
2031	4.2	14.1	7.7	25.0	29.0	27.1	107.1	50.0	0.297	0.438	0.735	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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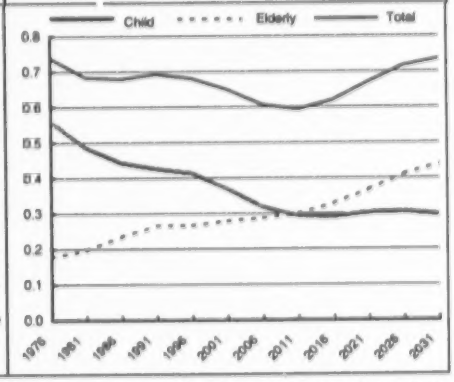

Source: Population data are Projection P-28, run in Summer 2003. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

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1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Fort Nelson

Forestry, tourism, and oil and gas exploration are the major economic drivers for this region. There are two large processing facilities located in Fort Nelson that employ close to 600 people between them. The north-eastern region of the province is a producer of oil and gas. The propsed Alaska pipeline may go through this region to consumers in the US although the MacKenzie Valley route appears to be more likely. An oriented strand board mill has been proposed.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P28 completed in the Summer of 2003. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2002

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Peace River-Liard							British Columbia	
		Firms with	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
		No Em-ployees	Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	261	293	42	13	3	351	100.0%	100.0%	157,421
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	27	21	4	0	0	25	7.1%	5.7%	9,047
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	9	25	4	0	0	29	8.3%	0.5%	778
22	Utilities	-	2	0	0	0	2	0.6%	0.1%	154
23	Construction	42	26	4	5	0	35	10.0%	10.7%	16,879
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	11	6	2	0	2	10	2.8%	5.6%	8,797
41	Wholesale Trade	12	17	1	0	0	18	5.1%	6.5%	10,253
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	17	33	7	2	0	42	12.0%	11.3%	17,808
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	35	45	2	0	0	47	13.4%	4.6%	7,319
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	-	5	0	0	0	5	1.4%	1.6%	2,484
52	Finance & Insurance	5	4	1	0	0	5	1.4%	3.4%	5,304
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	21	12	2	0	0	14	4.0%	4.5%	7,019
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	16	15	2	0	0	17	4.8%	11.3%	17,711
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	6	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	2.1%	3,267
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	12	16	2	0	0	18	5.1%	4.8%	7,564
61	Educational Services	1	0	0	0	1	1	0.3%	1.2%	1,820
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	2	11	0	1	0	12	3.4%	8.6%	13,571
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	6	3	0	0	0	3	0.9%	1.8%	2,808
72	Accom. & Food Services	11	18	8	3	0	29	8.3%	7.3%	11,558
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	28	34	2	0	0	36	10.3%	7.9%	12,476
91	Public Administration	-	0	1	2	0	3	0.9%	0.5%	804

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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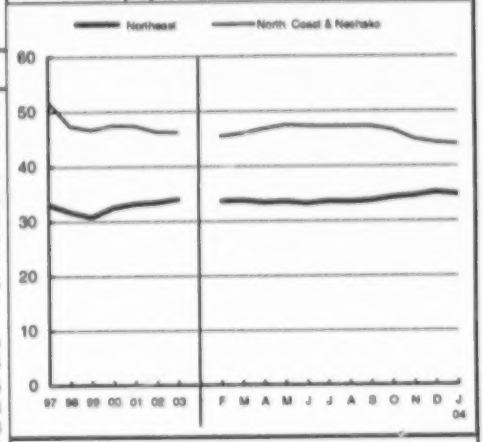
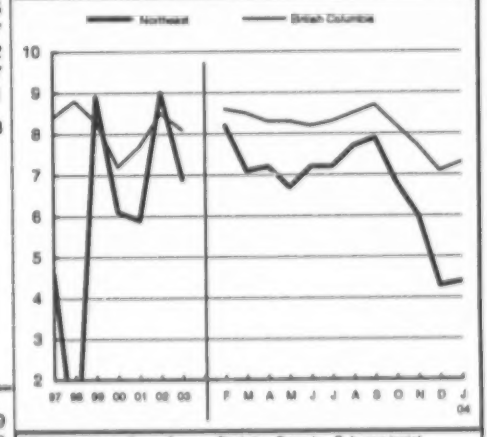
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Northeast		North Coast & Nechako		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %
	1994	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,754.0	9.0
	1995	32.7	6.6	49.1	8.2	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	32.4	7.2	51.9	7.5	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	33.1	4.6	51.8	9.1	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	31.7	NA	47.4	9.5	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	30.8	8.9	46.7	8.8	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	32.5	6.1	47.5	10.2	1,949.1	7.2
	2001	33.2	5.9	47.4	10.9	1,942.4	7.7
	2002	33.4	9.0	46.3	12.6	1,973.4	8.5
	2003	34.0	6.9	46.2	11.5	2,023.3	8.1
2003	Jan	33.6	8.9	45.1	11.7	1,969.8	8.5
	Feb	33.7	8.2	45.5	11.3	1,964.3	8.6
	Mar	33.8	7.1	46.0	11.4	1,971.3	8.5
	Apr	33.4	7.2	46.8	10.9	1,987.8	8.3
	May	33.6	6.7	47.5	11.2	2,002.6	8.3
	Jun	33.2	7.2	47.3	10.9	2,017.3	8.2
	Jul	33.6	7.2	47.2	11.6	2,038.0	8.3
	Aug	33.5	7.7	47.2	12.1	2,052.7	8.5
	Sep	33.7	7.9	47.2	11.4	2,050.9	8.7
	Oct	34.3	6.8	46.6	10.6	2,051.6	8.2
	Nov	34.6	6.0	44.9	10.6	2,045.5	7.7
	Dec	35.2	4.3	44.3	12.5	2,053.8	7.1
2004	Jan	34.8	4.4	44.0	13.8	2,042.9	7.3
	Feb						
	Mar						
	Apr						
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Jan03	32.4	3.0	48.6	11.6	1,900.6	7.9
	Jan-Jan04	31.3	10.8	44.5	14.5	1,899.6	9.6
	% Change	-3.4		-8.4		-0.1	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



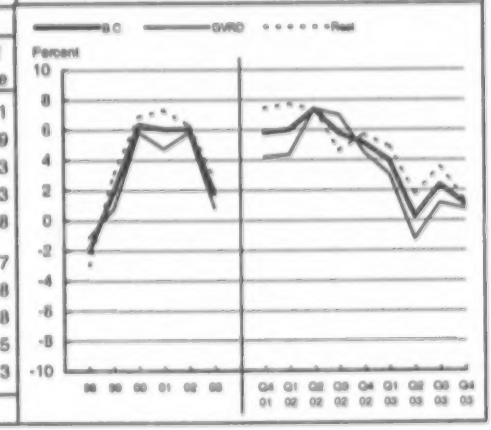
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
Annual data	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
	2002	40,272.6	19,996.5	20,276.1	6.0	5.8	6.3
	2003	40,998.1	20,161.5	20,836.6	1.8	0.8	2.8
Quarterly data	02 4	10,746.4	5,282.7	5,463.7	5.1	4.5	5.7
	03 1	9,183.5	4,597.1	4,586.4	3.9	3.0	4.8
	03 2	10,405.9	5,160.5	5,245.4	0.2	-1.3	1.8
	03 3	10,549.5	5,081.9	5,467.6	2.3	1.1	3.5
	03 4	10,859.2	5,322.0	5,537.2	1.0	0.7	1.3

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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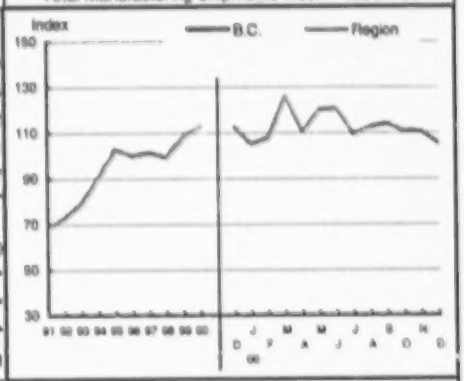
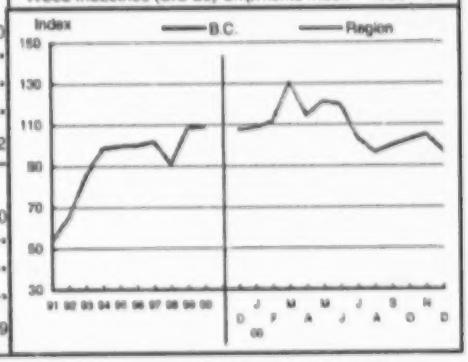
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	0	0	0	0	0
25	Wood	3	2	3	3	4
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	2	1	2	2	2
30	Metal Fabricating	1	1	1	1	1
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	6	5	7	7	7
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	251.1
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	0	0	0	0	0
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	842
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	44.9

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

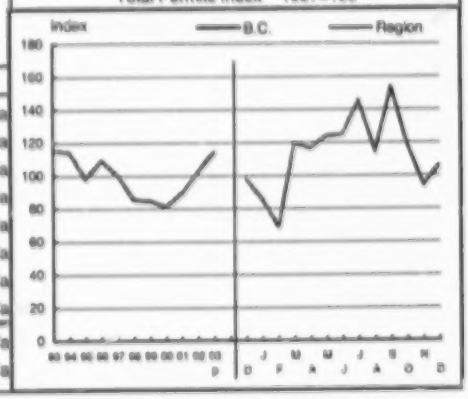


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Commercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1996	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1997	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1998	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
1999	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
2000	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
2001	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
2002	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
2003 p	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
YTD Dec '02	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
YTD Dec '03	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

Total Permits Index 1997=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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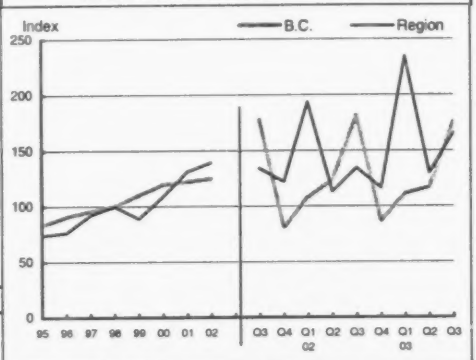
7 Tourism Room Revenue - Includes Peace River R.D. ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Northern Rockies Regional District	1999	24,183.0	6,912.7	4,578.2	6,723.1	5,969.0
	2000	29,616.9	9,326.6	5,265.8	7,812.5	7,211.9
	2001	35,652.9	10,976.1	7,252.7	9,111.8	8,312.3
	2002	37,904.2	13,153.3	7,696.9	9,143.1	7,910.9
	2003	36,041.2	15,934.8	8,830.6	11,275.8	
British Columbia	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,219,898.9	335,825.8	352,914.7	531,158.4	

Northern Rockies 2002 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	37,904.2	100.0%
Hotels	17,178.8	45.3%
Motels	9,223.9	24.3%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

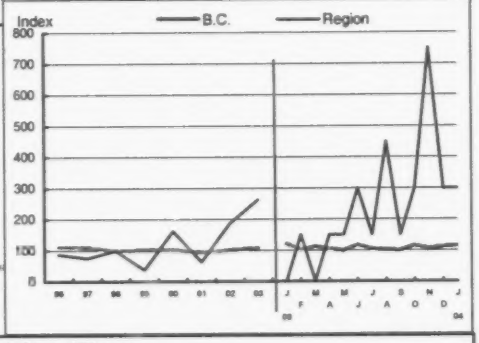


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1996	7
1997	6
1998	8
1999	3
2000	13
2001	5
2002	15
2003	21
Jan-Jan 03	1
Jan-Jan 04	1

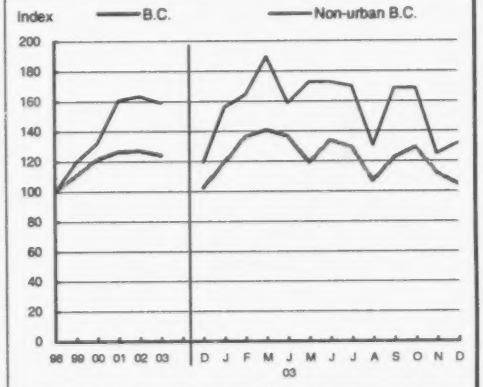
Incorporations Index 1998=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1998=100
Total = Consumer + Business



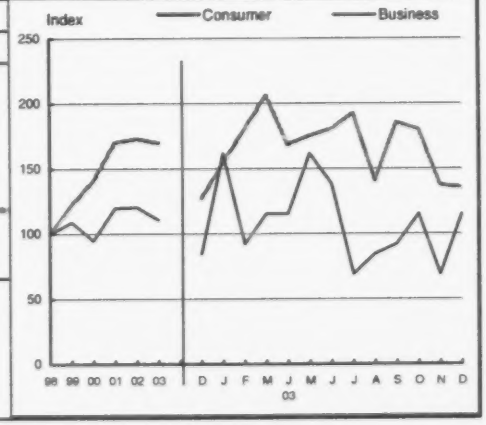
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Non-urban B.C. Consumer	Non-urban B.C. Business	Fort St. John Consumer	Fort St. John Business	B.C. Consumer	B.C. Business
1999	854	170	85	16	8,181	1,077
2000	983	148	88	14	9,184	980
2001	1,187	187	80	11	9,476	1,101
2002	1,208	188	73	11	9,531	1,107
2003	1,186	173	92	13	9,385	1,002
Jan-Dec 02	1,208	188	73	11	9,531	1,107
Jan-Dec 03	1,186	173	92	13	9,385	1,002

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Non-urban B.C. Indices 1998=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women Tot. Female 19-64
Ft. Nelson-Liard Regional District	Mar '01	3.1	4.6	3.9	2.0	2.8
	Jun '01	3.7	5.2	4.1	2.8	2.4
	Sep '01	3.2	5.0	3.3	2.3	2.3
	Dec '01	3.3	4.8	3.4	2.5	2.2
	Mar '02	1.8	2.6	1.7	1.3	1.4
	Jun '02	1.5	2.4	1.3	1.0	1.2
	Sep '02	1.4	2.0	1.4	1.0	1.0
	Dec '02	1.2	1.5	1.1	1.0	0.8
	Mar '03	1.1	1.6	1.3	0.8	0.8
	Jun '03	1.4	1.9	1.1	1.2	1.0

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

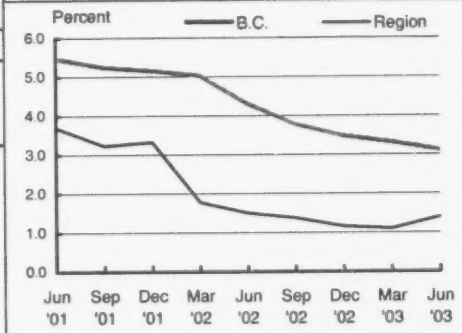
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64	
2.4	1.6	2.5	3.3	Mar '01
3.6	4.3	3.4	4.0	Jun '01
3.2	4.5	2.9	3.3	Sep '01
4.1	6.4	3.7	4.0	Dec '01
3.5	5.3	3.3	2.3	Mar '02
5.1	8.0	4.6	4.4	Jun '02
4.1	6.0	4.0	2.0	Sep '02
4.8	5.8	4.8	3.2	Dec '02
4.0	5.8	3.9	2.0	Mar '03
5.6	6.0	5.4	5.8	Jun '03

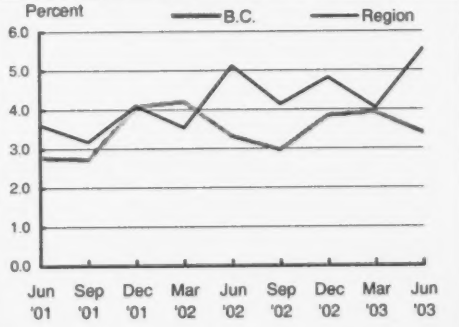
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of June '03)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	76	110,570
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	65.8	39.6
1-2 Years	9.2	14.7
>2 Years	25.0	45.7

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

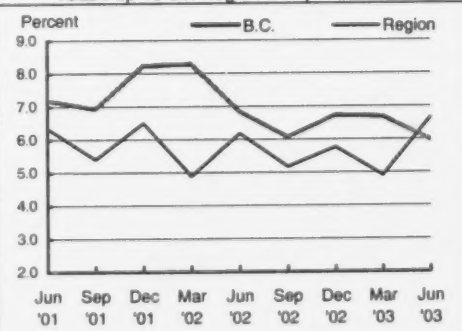
- Data too small to release.

12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64
Ft. Nelson-Liard Regional District	Jun '01	6.4	8.4	6.0	5.9
	Sep '01	5.4	7.6	5.1	4.4
	Dec '01	6.5	9.8	5.9	6.1
	Mar '02	4.9	7.0	4.6	4.2
	Jun '02	6.2	9.3	5.6	6.3
	Sep '02	5.2	7.1	4.9	3.9
	Dec '02	5.8	6.9	5.7	-
	Mar '03	4.9	6.9	4.7	-
	Jun '03	6.7	7.1	6.5	-

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

Northern Rockies
Regional District

13 Demographics

The economic dependence on the resource sectors and the male-dominant employment in these sectors is the main reason for the heavy weighting of males in the population in this area, in contrast to the province as a whole, which has more women than men. The remoteness of the area is likely the reason why the median age of the population is far lower than the provincial median as few elderly move to the area and the median age of death is so low. The total fertility rate is higher than the provincial rate, and is likely partially the reason for a higher ratio of children (aged 17 and under) to working age population (aged 18 to 64) compared to the province as a whole. There is a very small proportion of elderly in the population compared to British Columbia as a whole.

14 Projection

Net migration will likely remain negative in the short-term, but should become positive as the resource sector is expected to recuperate. Natural increase (i.e., the excess of births over deaths) will gradually drop over the projection period, being positive for the most part; therefore there should be an overall tendency towards population increase for the area.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

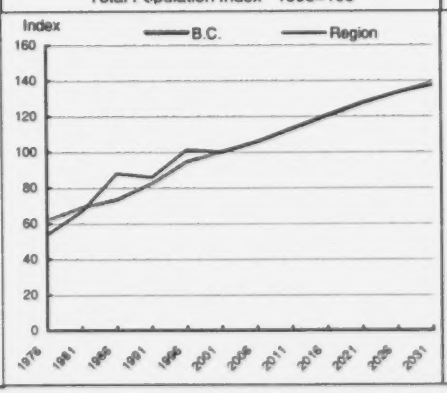
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							House-holds	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	0.4	0.9	0.5	1.0	0.4	0.0	3.3	1.2	0.711	0.021	0.732	1976
1981	0.5	1.0	0.8	1.4	0.4	0.1	4.0	1.6	0.562	0.020	0.581	1981
1986	0.7	1.2	0.7	2.0	0.7	0.1	5.3	1.7	0.577	0.026	0.602	1986
1991	0.5	1.2	0.6	2.0	0.7	0.2	5.2	1.7	0.542	0.046	0.588	1991
1996	0.6	1.4	0.7	2.5	0.8	0.1	6.1	2.0	0.496	0.036	0.533	1996
2001	0.5	1.4	0.7	2.3	1.1	0.2	6.0	2.1	0.459	0.048	0.506	2001
2006	0.4	1.3	0.7	2.2	1.5	0.2	6.4	2.2	0.395	0.056	0.451	2006
2011	0.4	1.2	0.7	2.3	1.8	0.4	6.9	2.5	0.336	0.076	0.412	2011
2016	0.4	1.1	0.8	2.4	2.1	0.5	7.3	2.8	0.290	0.101	0.391	2016
2021	0.4	1.1	0.6	2.5	2.2	0.8	7.7	3.1	0.283	0.152	0.435	2021
2026	0.4	1.1	0.6	2.6	2.2	1.1	8.1	3.3	0.280	0.206	0.487	2026
2031	0.4	1.1	0.6	2.5	2.4	1.4	8.3	3.4	0.276	0.257	0.533	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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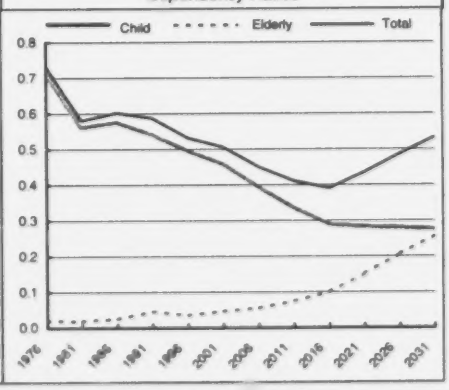


Source: Population data are Projection P-28, run in Summer 2003. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

Okanagan-Similkameen
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Keremeos, Oliver, Osoyoos, Penticton, Princeton, Summerland

Agriculture has traditionally been the main economic activity for this region. Although this sector has diminished somewhat in importance, it is still an important factor of the economy, and this area remains one of the more important centres of agriculture in the province. The relatively warm climate makes this area very attractive to retirees. Other economic activities include tourism and forestry. The two major mines in the area—the Similco Mine at Princeton, and the Nickel Plate Mine at Hedley—have shut down in the last few years. The mine at Hedley closed due to ore depletion, but the Similco mine still has reserves remaining and could reopen once copper prices improve. The secondary processing activity, particularly in and around Penticton, helps to diversify the economy.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P28 completed in the Summer of 2003. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2002

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Okanagan-Similkameen							British Columbia	
		Firms with	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
		No Employees	Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	2,502	3,159	214	84	13	3,470	100.0%	100.0%	157,421
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	241	579	18	5	1	603	17.4%	5.7%	9,047
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	17	4	0	0	1	5	0.1%	0.5%	778
22	Utilities	5	9	2	0	0	11	0.3%	0.1%	154
23	Construction	422	319	13	4	1	337	9.7%	10.7%	16,879
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	107	146	26	17	0	189	5.4%	5.6%	8,797
41	Wholesale Trade	93	100	4	3	0	107	3.1%	6.5%	10,253
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	205	384	39	14	2	439	12.7%	11.3%	17,808
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	100	129	4	0	0	133	3.8%	4.6%	7,319
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	20	29	2	1	0	32	0.9%	1.6%	2,484
52	Finance & Insurance	117	88	6	0	1	95	2.7%	3.4%	5,304
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	344	122	8	1	1	132	3.8%	4.5%	7,019
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	247	185	5	1	0	191	5.5%	11.3%	17,711
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	121	59	6	2	0	67	1.9%	2.1%	3,267
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	82	131	6	1	0	138	4.0%	4.8%	7,564
61	Educational Services	22	28	1	2	2	33	1.0%	1.2%	1,820
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	24	243	15	9	2	269	7.8%	8.6%	13,571
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	46	74	9	3	0	86	2.5%	1.8%	2,808
72	Accom. & Food Services	133	240	44	16	1	301	8.7%	7.3%	11,558
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	156	259	2	2	0	263	7.6%	7.9%	12,476
91	Public Administration	-	31	4	3	1	39	1.1%	0.5%	804

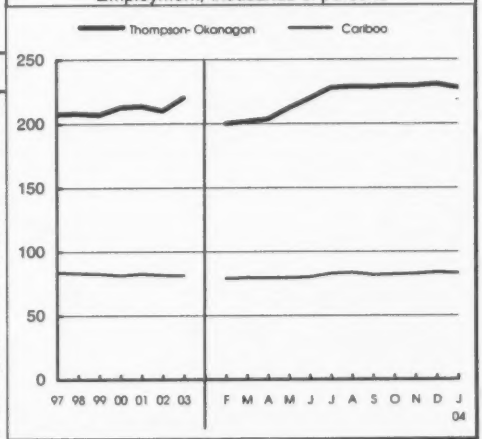
Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

Okanagan-Similkameen
Regional District

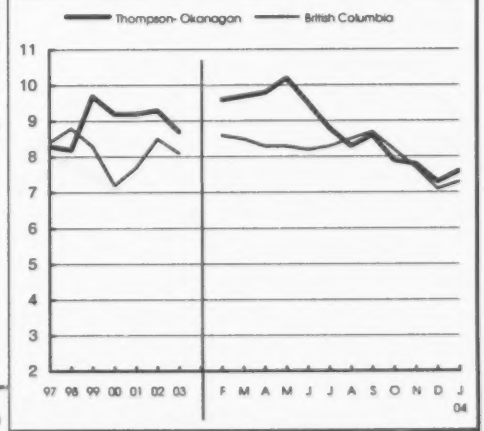
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Thompson-Okanagan		Cariboo		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %
	1994	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,754.0	9.0
	1995	194.7	10.2	80.4	9.7	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	201.1	10.4	86.8	8.6	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	207.7	8.3	84.0	9.8	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	208.2	8.2	83.3	14.5	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	207.1	9.7	82.9	11.6	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	212.7	9.2	81.5	9.9	1,949.1	7.2
	2001	213.7	9.2	83.0	9.7	1,942.4	7.7
	2002	210.0	9.3	81.9	12.6	1,973.4	8.5
	2003	220.3	8.7	81.6	11.2	2,023.3	8.1
2003	Jan	204.3	9.4	78.4	13.1	1,969.8	8.5
	Feb	200.2	9.6	79.2	13.0	1,964.3	8.6
	Mar	201.7	9.7	79.9	12.8	1,971.3	8.5
	Apr	203.7	9.8	79.8	12.5	1,987.8	8.3
	May	212.4	10.2	79.7	12.6	2,002.6	8.3
	Jun	219.8	9.5	80.4	13.0	2,017.3	8.2
	Jul	228.1	8.8	83.1	12.1	2,038.0	8.3
	Aug	229.0	8.3	83.9	10.8	2,052.7	8.5
	Sep	228.7	8.6	82.1	10.4	2,050.9	8.7
	Oct	229.7	7.9	82.4	9.8	2,051.6	8.2
	Nov	229.6	7.8	82.9	9.5	2,045.5	7.7
	Dec	231.0	7.3	84.0	8.8	2,053.8	7.1
2004	Jan	228.1	7.6	83.3	9.8	2,042.9	7.3
	Feb						
	Mar						
	Apr						
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Jan03	207.4	10.6	82.4	10.3	1,900.6	7.9
	Jan-Jan04	196.4	10.8	82.5	14.0	1,899.6	9.6
	% Change	-5.3		0.1		-0.1	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



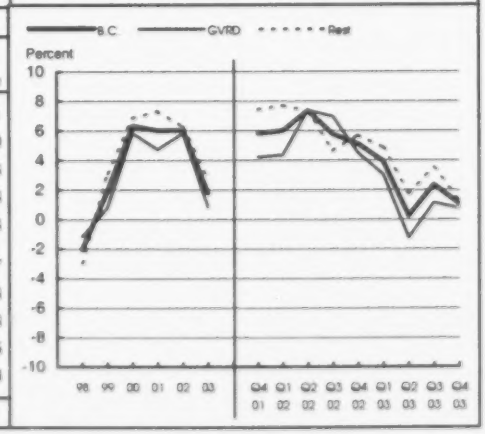
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales: B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	Percent change on year ago: B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
Annual	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
data	2002	40,272.6	19,996.5	20,276.1	6.0	5.8	6.3
	2003	40,998.1	20,161.5	20,836.6	1.8	0.8	2.8
	02 4	10,746.4	5,282.7	5,463.7	5.1	4.5	5.7
Quarterly	03 1	9,183.5	4,597.1	4,586.4	3.9	3.0	4.8
data	03 2	10,405.9	5,160.5	5,245.4	0.2	-1.3	1.8
	03 3	10,549.5	5,081.9	5,467.6	2.3	1.1	3.5
	03 4	10,859.2	5,322.0	5,537.2	1.0	0.7	1.3

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year

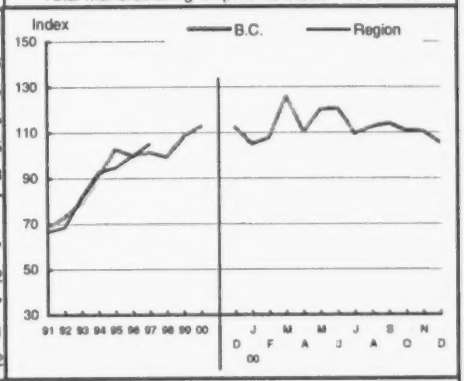


Okanagan-Similkameen
Regional District

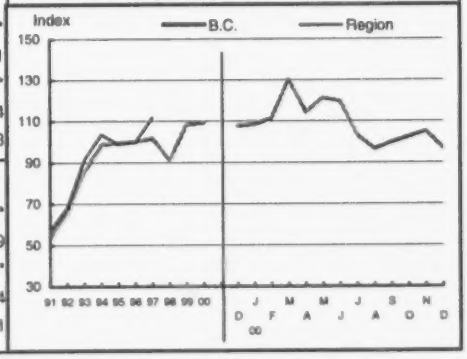
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	5	4	5	4	3
25	Wood	12	11	11	15	15
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	4	2	2	5	5
30	Metal Fabricating	8	10	11	15	15
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	67	65	76	85	83
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	10.7	12.0	13.3	24.7	**
25	Wood	131.4	148.5	141.6	143.3	160.2
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	6.9	15.4	21.5	24.3	23.1
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	304.9	344.7	351.6	371.1	390.2
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	146	168	156	235	**
25	Wood	569	629	576	626	611
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	75	121	188	217	224
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	1,833	2,007	2,089	2,242	2,268
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	2.8	3.1	3.2	5.6	**
25	Wood	22.0	23.6	24.7	27.0	30.9
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	2.1	3.2	6.0	7.0	7.4
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	61.1	65.5	72.7	79.6	86.1

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

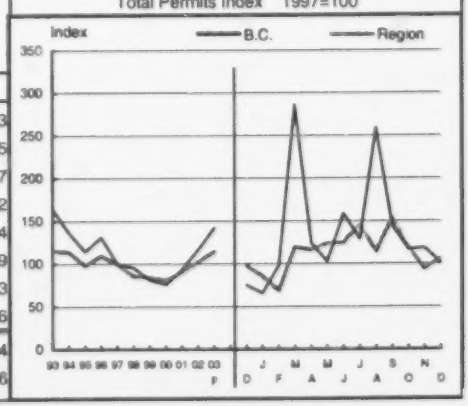


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Commercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1996	94.4	38.5	2.8	168.5	17.0	55.9	493
1997	71.9	24.8	8.1	178.3	4.4	47.1	415
1998	68.9	21.5	2.4	186.9	7.1	47.3	487
1999	58.5	19.4	3.1	244.8	3.2	39.1	332
2000	54.7	24.7	3.1	219.0	6.0	30.1	194
2001	67.1	35.1	2.5	174.3	15.3	32.0	229
2002	83.7	23.4	3.7	164.2	6.7	60.3	453
2003 p	102.2	29.2	3.2	234.6	12.4	73.0	516
YTD Dec '02	84.1	23.5	3.7	160.8	4.4	60.6	454
YTD Dec '03	102.2	29.2	3.2	234.6	12.4	73.0	516

Total Permits Index 1997=100



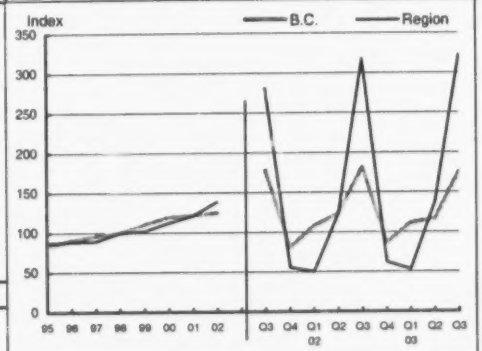
Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

Okanagan-Similkameen
Regional District

7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Okanagan-Sim'een Regional District	1999	26,236.7	2,977.5	5,239.0	15,210.7	2,809.5
	2000	28,847.6	2,581.6	6,025.5	16,820.7	3,419.7
	2001	31,206.2	2,855.6	6,732.7	18,019.3	3,598.6
	2002	35,571.5	3,237.9	7,922.7	20,395.9	4,015.0
	2003	32,943.6	3,413.5	8,826.9	20,703.1	
British Columbia	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,219,898.9	335,825.8	352,914.7	531,158.4	

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100



Okanagan-Sim'een 2002 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

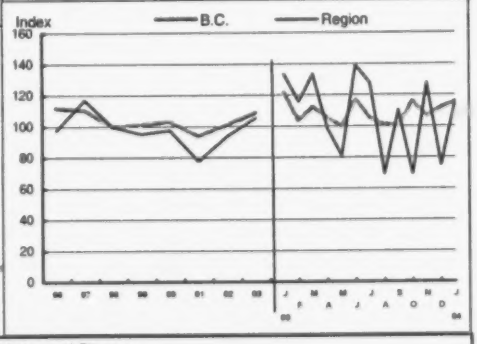
Total	35,577.1	100.0%
Hotels	18,033.8	50.7%
Motels	14,349.3	40.3%

Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1996	202
1997	242
1998	207
1999	197
2000	202
2001	161
2002	194
2003	218
Jan-Jan 03	20
Jan-Jan 04	18

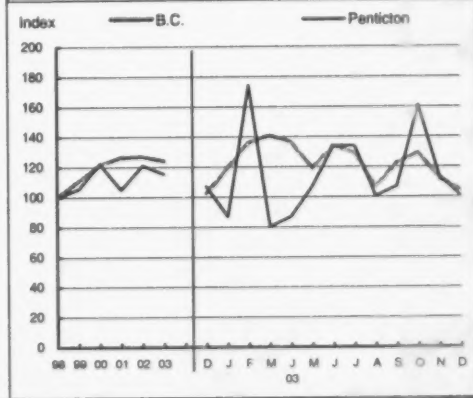
Incorporations Index 1998=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1998=100
Total = Consumer + Business



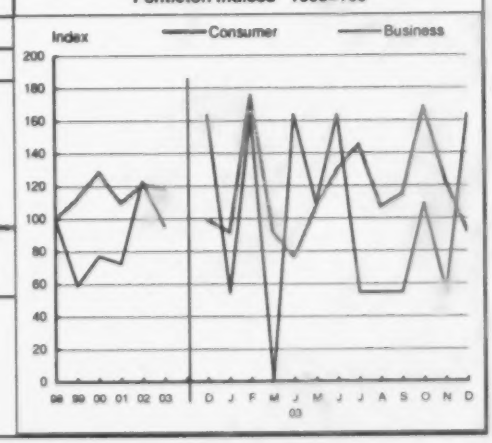
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Penticton Consumer	Penticton Business	Non-urban B.C. Consumer	Non-urban B.C. Business	B.C. Consumer	B.C. Business
1999	176	13	854	170	8,181	1,077
2000	202	17	983	148	9,184	980
2001	172	16	1,187	167	9,476	1,101
2002	190	27	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
2003	186	21	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
Jan-Dec 02	190	27	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
Jan-Dec 03	186	21	1,186	173	9,385	1,002

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Penticton Indices 1998=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women Tot. Female 19-64
Okanagan-Sim'een Regional District	Mar '01	8.0	11.4	13.0	7.0	3.6
	Jun '01	7.7	11.3	12.6	6.7	3.5
	Sep '01	6.9	10.6	10.4	5.8	3.4
	Dec '01	6.9	10.3	10.4	6.0	3.3
	Mar '02	6.9	10.2	10.2	6.1	3.3
	Jun '02	5.5	8.3	7.2	4.8	2.7
	Sep '02	4.2	6.5	4.7	3.8	2.1
	Dec '02	4.1	5.9	4.5	3.8	2.0
	Mar '03	4.0	5.8	4.6	3.6	1.9
	Jun '03	3.6	5.4	4.3	3.3	1.8

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

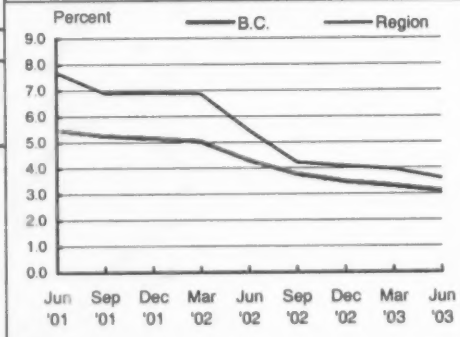
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64	
6.2	7.6	7.1	3.2	Mar '01
3.8	4.2	4.4	2.0	Jun '01
2.9	3.8	3.4	1.3	Sep '01
5.5	6.2	6.2	2.9	Dec '01
6.1	7.2	7.1	2.9	Mar '02
3.8	4.3	4.3	2.0	Jun '02
3.1	3.0	3.7	1.5	Sep '02
5.6	5.8	6.4	3.2	Dec '02
5.8	6.4	6.5	3.4	Mar '03
4.0	4.3	4.5	2.2	Jun '03

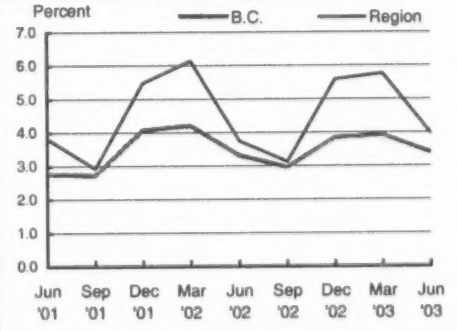
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of June '03)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	2,104	110,570
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	48.7	39.6
1-2 Years	13.8	14.7
>2 Years	37.5	45.7

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

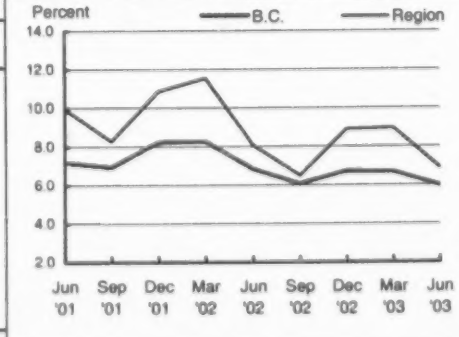
Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64
Okanagan-Sim'een Regional District	Jun '01	10.0	16.4	10.9	4.7
	Sep '01	8.3	13.8	9.0	3.7
	Dec '01	10.9	15.9	12.0	5.4
	Mar '02	11.6	17.0	12.9	5.3
	Jun '02	8.1	11.4	9.0	4.1
	Sep '02	6.5	7.7	7.4	3.3
	Dec '02	8.9	10.1	10.1	5.0
	Mar '03	9.0	10.8	10.0	5.2
	Jun '03	6.9	8.5	7.7	3.7

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



*Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

Okanagan-Similkameen
Regional District

13 Demographics

Like the rest of the Okanagan, this region experienced tremendous growth in the last decade due to very high net migration inflows. The pleasant climate of this area makes it a popular place to retire, and as a result, the median age of the population of this region is substantially higher than the provincial median age. The elderly dependency ratio (i.e., the ratio of those aged 65 and over to those aged 18 to 64) is over twice that of the province as a whole. The older age structure is responsible for the gender bias in favour of females, since women tend to live longer than men do.

14 Projection

The natural increase (i.e., the excess of births over deaths) is negative in this region, and will likely become even more negative over the projection period. However, it is expected that net migration to this area will continue to be high, which will compensate for the increasing number of deaths. The shutdowns in the mining sector will likely have only a small impact on the region as a whole. This area is high in mineral potential and there is a possibility of new mines opening.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

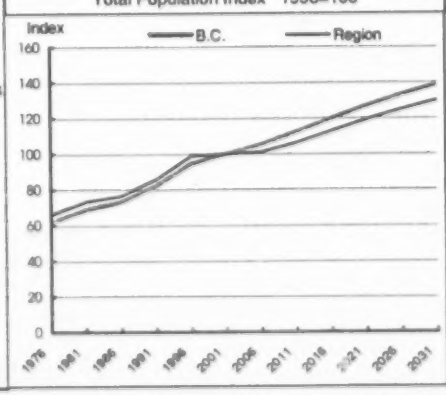
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households (,000)	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages		Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	3.1	11.3	6.2	11.8	12.5	7.8	52.7	18.5	0.471	0.256	0.727	1976
1981	3.5	10.6	6.3	14.3	13.5	10.3	58.5	22.6	0.413	0.302	0.714	1981
1986	3.6	10.0	5.3	15.6	13.8	12.7	61.0	25.4	0.392	0.365	0.756	1986
1991	3.8	10.9	4.7	17.9	15.5	15.5	68.3	28.1	0.384	0.408	0.792	1991
1996	3.9	12.3	5.4	19.9	18.8	18.5	78.8	33.5	0.369	0.419	0.788	1996
2001	3.3	12.1	5.1	18.1	21.2	19.8	79.6	35.6	0.349	0.446	0.795	2001
2006	3.0	10.9	6.5	16.2	22.9	21.0	80.4	37.1	0.303	0.461	0.764	2006
2011	3.4	9.9	6.5	17.3	24.9	22.4	84.4	40.4	0.273	0.459	0.732	2011
2016	3.7	10.0	6.2	19.5	25.6	24.6	89.8	43.8	0.268	0.478	0.746	2016
2021	3.9	11.0	5.7	21.7	25.5	27.1	94.8	46.3	0.281	0.512	0.793	2021
2026	3.9	11.7	5.7	22.8	25.3	29.9	99.3	48.4	0.290	0.555	0.845	2026
2031	3.8	12.1	6.3	22.2	26.9	32.2	103.4	50.9	0.286	0.581	0.867	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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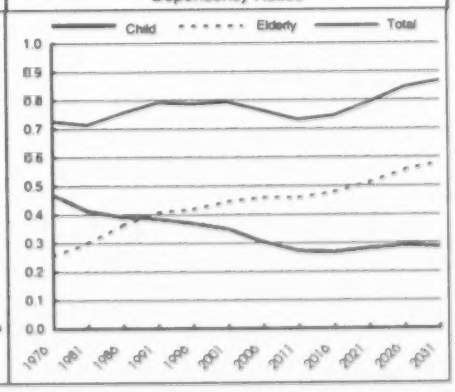


Source: Population data are Projection P-26, run in Summer 2003. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

Peace River
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Chetwynd, Dawson Creek, Fort St. John, Hudson's Hope, Pouce Coupe, Taylor, Tumbler Ridge

The economy of this region is fairly diversified, with coal mining, oil and gas exploration, forestry and agriculture all being important economic activities. The north-eastern region of the province is a producer of oil and gas, and exploration in this sector has and will continue to employ a large number of people. Rising energy prices coupled with new gas discoveries created a lot of activity in the Fort St. John area recently. The Ladyfern gas field, just north of Ft. St. John, is among the largest in the world. One of the two major coal mines in the area, Quintette, was shut down in August, 2000. The Bullmoose mine will continue to supply coal to Japanese markets until the spring of 2003 when reserves run out. Two other coal mines will likely go ahead in the near future in the Chetwynd area.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P28 completed in the Summer of 2003. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2002

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Peace River-Liard						British Columbia	
		Firms with	Firms with Employees					With Employees	
		No Em-ployees	Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	2,888	2,522	224	100	11	2,857	100.0%	100.0%	157,421
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	753	266	10	0	0	276	9.7%	5.7%	9,047
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	170	194	20	9	1	224	7.8%	0.5%	778
22	Utilities	-	5	0	0	0	5	0.2%	0.1%	154
23	Construction	377	325	32	19	2	378	13.2%	10.7%	16,879
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	66	68	1	8	2	79	2.8%	5.6%	8,797
41	Wholesale Trade	58	105	15	2	0	122	4.3%	6.5%	10,253
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	137	220	25	13	0	258	9.0%	11.3%	17,808
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	321	258	11	8	1	278	9.7%	4.6%	7,319
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	10	25	3	1	0	29	1.0%	1.6%	2,484
52	Finance & Insurance	58	32	10	0	0	42	1.5%	3.4%	5,304
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	209	73	7	6	0	86	3.0%	4.5%	7,019
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	198	213	11	1	0	225	7.9%	11.3%	17,711
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	64	19	0	1	0	20	0.7%	2.1%	3,267
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	107	113	6	0	0	119	4.2%	4.8%	7,564
61	Educational Services	10	18	1	0	3	22	0.8%	1.2%	1,820
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	19	134	17	8	2	161	5.6%	8.6%	13,571
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	22	50	2	0	0	52	1.8%	1.8%	2,808
72	Accom. & Food Services	65	113	35	19	0	167	5.8%	7.3%	11,558
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	244	286	13	2	0	301	10.5%	7.9%	12,476
91	Public Administration	-	5	5	3	0	13	0.5%	0.5%	804

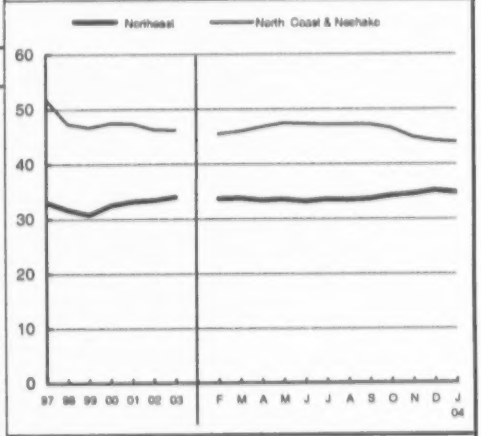
Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division

Peace River
Regional District

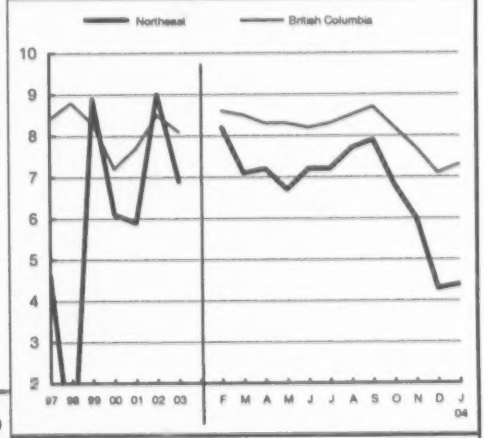
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Northeast		North Coast & Nechako		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %
	1994	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,754.0	9.0
	1995	32.7	6.6	49.1	8.2	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	32.4	7.2	51.9	7.5	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	33.1	4.6	51.8	9.1	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	31.7	NA	47.4	9.5	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	30.8	8.9	46.7	8.8	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	32.5	6.1	47.5	10.2	1,949.1	7.2
	2001	33.2	5.9	47.4	10.9	1,942.4	7.7
	2002	33.4	9.0	46.3	12.6	1,973.4	8.5
	2003	34.0	6.9	46.2	11.5	2,023.3	8.1
2003	Jan	33.6	8.9	45.1	11.7	1,969.8	8.5
	Feb	33.7	8.2	45.5	11.3	1,964.3	8.6
	Mar	33.8	7.1	46.0	11.4	1,971.3	8.5
	Apr	33.4	7.2	46.8	10.9	1,987.8	8.3
	May	33.6	6.7	47.5	11.2	2,002.6	8.3
	Jun	33.2	7.2	47.3	10.9	2,017.3	8.2
	Jul	33.6	7.2	47.2	11.6	2,038.0	8.3
	Aug	33.5	7.7	47.2	12.1	2,052.7	8.5
	Sep	33.7	7.9	47.2	11.4	2,050.9	8.7
	Oct	34.3	6.8	46.6	10.6	2,051.6	8.2
	Nov	34.6	6.0	44.9	10.6	2,045.5	7.7
	Dec	35.2	4.3	44.3	12.5	2,053.8	7.1
2004	Jan	34.8	4.4	44.0	13.8	2,042.9	7.3
	Feb						
	Mar						
	Apr						
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Jan03	32.4	3.0	48.6	11.6	1,900.6	7.9
	Jan-Jan04	31.3	10.8	44.5	14.5	1,899.6	9.6
	% Change	-3.4		-8.4		-0.1	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



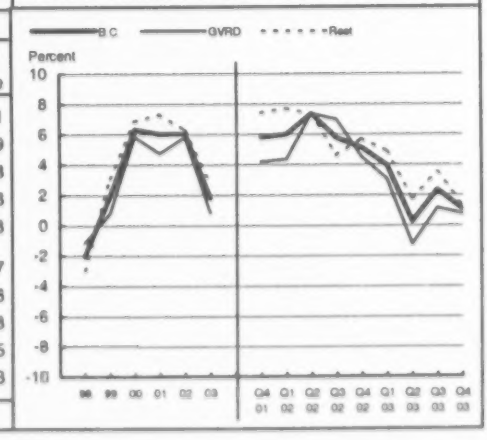
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales: B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	Percent change on year ago: B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
Annual	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
data	2002	40,272.6	19,996.5	20,276.1	6.0	5.8	6.3
	2003	40,998.1	20,161.5	20,836.6	1.8	0.8	2.8
	02 4	10,746.4	5,282.7	5,463.7	5.1	4.5	5.7
Quarterly	03 1	9,183.5	4,597.1	4,586.4	3.9	3.0	4.8
data	03 2	10,405.9	5,160.5	5,245.4	0.2	-1.3	1.8
	03 3	10,549.5	5,081.9	5,467.6	2.3	1.1	3.5
	03 4	10,859.2	5,322.0	5,537.2	1.0	0.7	1.3

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year

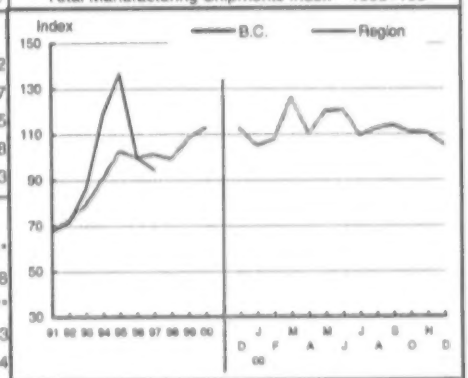


Peace River
Regional District

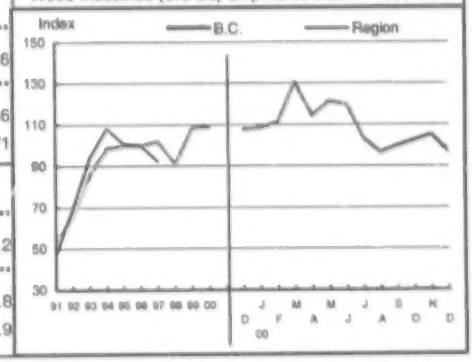
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	3	3	2	2	2
25	Wood	8	8	7	7	7
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	5	5	5	5	5
30	Metal Fabricating	8	8	8	8	8
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	33	33	33	34	33
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	8.5	**	**	**
25	Wood	258.4	297.6	277.3	275.1	253.8
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	5.4	9.8	10.6	10.1	9.3
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	341.0	468.1	539.7	394.8	373.4
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	42	**	**	**
25	Wood	707	670	623	646	786
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	61	88	90	86	86
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	1,188	1,228	1,262	1,181	1,371
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	1.2	**	**	**
25	Wood	35.0	33.6	31.7	32.0	40.2
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	2.1	3.1	3.3	3.0	2.8
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	53.1	57.2	61.7	57.7	68.9

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

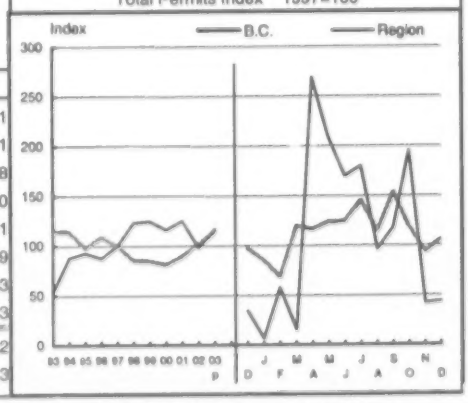


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Commercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential: Units
	<-- $ Millions -->						
1996	41.7	22.2	2.7	n/a	2.5	19.5	131
1997	47.6	20.4	0.3	n/a	0.9	27.2	231
1998	58.7	26.8	2.5	n/a	1.8	31.9	308
1999	59.4	30.4	5.0	n/a	3.3	29.0	330
2000	55.2	27.5	3.3	n/a	3.5	27.8	241
2001	59.5	34.3	1.7	n/a	16.6	25.2	189
2002	46.7	26.0	5.0	n/a	1.5	20.7	133
2003 p	55.6	28.0	6.8	n/a	1.3	27.6	253
YTD Dec '02	43.3	22.7	5.0	n/a	1.4	20.6	132
YTD Dec '03	55.6	28.0	6.8	n/a	1.3	27.6	253

Total Permits Index 1997=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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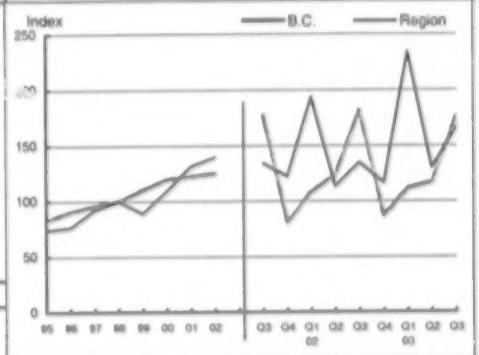
7 Tourism Room Revenue - Includes Northern Rockies R.D. ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Northern Rockies Regional District	1999	24,163.0	6,912.7	4,576.2	6,723.1	5,969.0
	2000	29,616.9	9,326.6	5,265.8	7,812.5	7,211.9
	2001	35,652.9	10,976.1	7,252.7	9,111.8	8,312.3
	2002	37,904.2	13,153.3	7,696.9	9,143.1	7,910.9
	2003	36,041.2	15,934.8	8,830.6	11,275.8	
British Columbia	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,219,898.9	335,825.8	352,914.7	531,158.4	

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100



Northern Rockies 2002 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

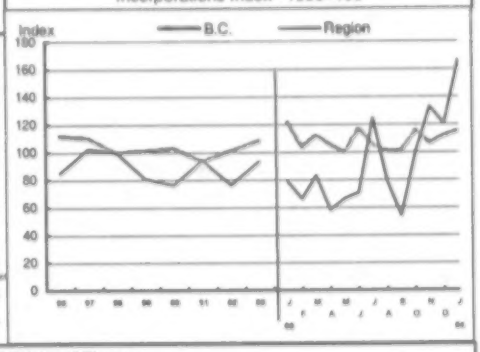
Total	37,904.2	100.0%
Hotels	17,178.8	45.3%
Motels	9,223.9	24.3%

Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1996	246
1997	296
1998	289
1999	234
2000	221
2001	272
2002	221
2003	270
Jan-Jan 03	16
Jan-Jan 04	32

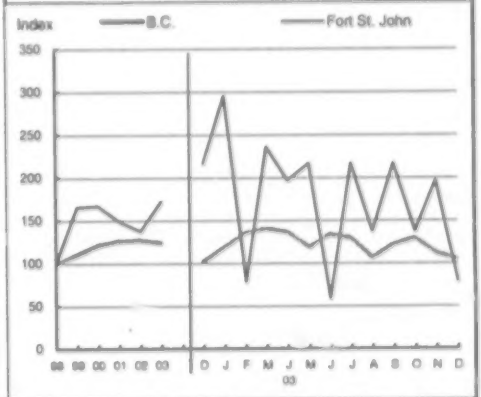
Incorporations Index 1998=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1998=100
Total = Consumer + Business



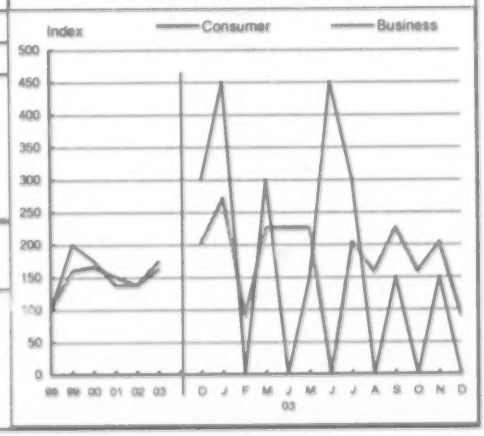
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Fort St. John Consumer	Fort St. John Business	Dawson Creek Consumer	Dawson Creek Business	B.C. Consumer	B.C. Business
1999	85	16	21	3	8,181	1,077
2000	88	14	30	3	9,184	980
2001	80	11	31	7	9,476	1,101
2002	73	11	32	6	9,531	1,107
2003	92	13	27	7	9,385	1,002
Jan-Dec 02	73	11	32	6	9,531	1,107
Jan-Dec 03	92	13	27	7	9,385	1,002

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Fort St. John Indices 1998=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women Tot. Female 19-64
Peace River Regional District	Mar '01	4.8	6.2	6.7	3.8	2.7
	Jun '01	5.2	6.6	7.4	4.3	2.8
	Sep '01	4.8	6.4	6.5	3.8	2.9
	Dec '01	4.8	6.0	7.0	3.9	2.6
	Mar '02	4.4	5.8	5.8	3.6	2.5
	Jun '02	3.6	4.8	4.4	2.9	2.1
	Sep '02	3.1	4.2	3.5	2.4	1.9
	Dec '02	2.9	4.0	2.9	2.3	1.7
	Mar '03	2.5	3.3	2.7	2.0	1.5
	Jun '03	2.4	3.2	2.3	2.0	1.4

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

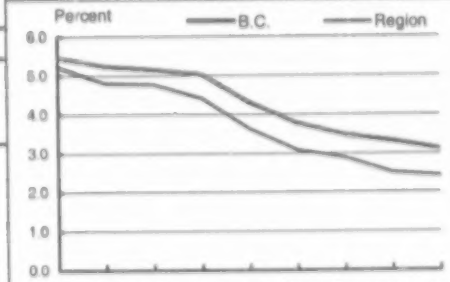
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64	
3.6	4.0	3.7	2.9	Mar '01
4.5	4.8	4.7	3.4	Jun '01
3.6	3.7	3.8	2.7	Sep '01
4.3	5.2	4.3	3.0	Dec '01
4.1	5.0	4.2	2.5	Mar '02
5.3	6.4	5.5	3.0	Jun '02
4.2	4.6	4.4	2.7	Sep '02
4.9	6.0	5.0	3.1	Dec '02
4.1	5.0	4.2	2.6	Mar '03
5.5	6.8	5.5	3.9	Jun '03

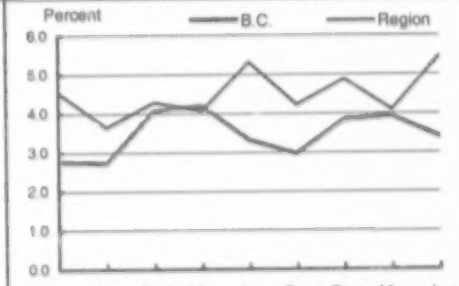
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of June '03)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	1,297	110,570
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	52.0	39.6
1-2 Years	14.3	14.7
>2 Years	33.8	45.7

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

\- Data too small to release.

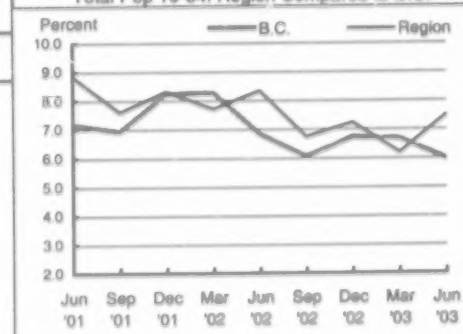
12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64
Peace River Regional District	Jun '01	8.8	11.8	8.7	6.4
	Sep '01	7.6	10.0	7.5	5.6
	Dec '01	8.3	11.9	8.0	6.0
	Mar '02	7.7	10.5	7.6	5.5
	Jun '02	8.3	10.7	8.4	5.5
	Sep '02	6.7	7.9	6.8	5.1
	Dec '02	7.2	8.8	7.3	5.4
	Mar '03	6.2	7.7	6.1	4.7
	Jun '03	7.5	8.9	7.5	5.9

*Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Peace River
Regional District

13 Demographics

Due to the dependence on the mining and forestry sectors, which tend to have male-dominated employment, the gender ratio for this region is weighted in favour of males. The total fertility rate is higher in this area, and could partially explain the higher ratio of children (aged 17 and under) to working age population (aged 18 to 64) compared to the province as a whole. As a result, the median age of the population is lower than the provincial median.

14 Projection

The increased activity in the oil and gas industry should result in population growth for this region, although it will be mitigated in the short-term by the layoffs in the forests and mines. The long-term growth combined with a positive natural increase (the excess of births over deaths) will result in trend of positive population growth for the area until the end of the projection period.The Ladyfern gas field, just north of Ft. St. John, is among the largest in the world.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

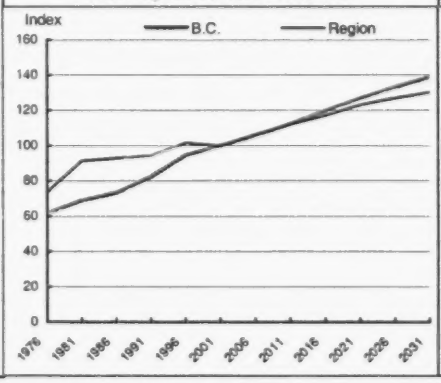
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							House-holds	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	4.1	12.9	5.6	11.8	6.3	2.0	42.7	11.7	0.719	0.085	0.805	1976
1981	5.2	13.0	8.9	16.3	7.3	2.4	53.0	16.2	0.560	0.073	0.632	1981
1986	5.3	12.3	6.9	18.4	8.3	2.8	53.9	18.4	0.524	0.082	0.606	1986
1991	5.0	12.2	5.8	19.3	9.1	3.3	54.8	19.1	0.503	0.098	0.601	1991
1996	5.0	13.0	6.0	20.5	10.6	3.8	58.9	20.6	0.485	0.103	0.588	1996
2001	4.1	12.2	6.0	19.0	12.2	4.4	58.0	21.7	0.440	0.119	0.559	2001
2006	3.8	12.0	6.4	19.0	15.1	5.4	61.7	23.2	0.390	0.133	0.523	2006
2011	3.8	11.1	6.6	19.0	17.8	6.5	64.9	25.5	0.345	0.151	0.496	2011
2016	3.9	10.5	6.5	19.5	19.1	8.2	67.8	27.8	0.320	0.182	0.502	2016
2021	4.0	10.7	5.9	20.5	19.8	10.3	71.2	29.8	0.317	0.222	0.539	2021
2026	3.9	10.8	5.7	20.8	19.7	12.7	73.6	31.2	0.319	0.274	0.594	2026
2031	3.8	10.9	5.8	20.4	19.7	14.9	75.5	32.4	0.320	0.325	0.645	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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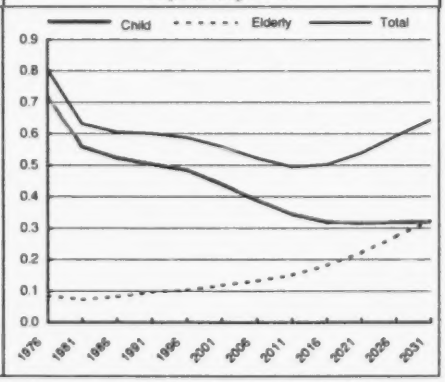

Source: Population data are Projection P-28, run in Summer 2003. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

Powell River
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Powell River

Unlike the rest of the coast which had a drop in AAC, the Powell River region did not have an appreciable change in harvest quotas. Just prior to the end of the softwood lumber agreement, Norske Skog laid off 275 employees (early 2002). In an attempt to continue to lower costs, Norse Skog is actively working to lower the amount of taxes paid. Fishers also work out of the ports taking advantage of wild fish as well as shell fish. Quotas may soon be imposed on the prawn fishery as competion increases for the deminishing resource.

Planning groups have outlined goals for development aimed at diversification of activities.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P28 completed in the Summer of 2003. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2002

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Powell River							British Columbia	
		Firms with	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
		No Em-ployees	Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	542	650	36	22	3	711	100.0%	100.0%	157,421
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	73	78	6	2	0	86	12.1%	5.7%	9,047
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	-	3	0	2	0	5	0.7%	0.5%	778
22	Utilities	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.1%	154
23	Construction	107	73	4	1	0	78	11.0%	10.7%	16,879
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	20	34	1	0	1	36	5.1%	5.6%	8,797
41	Wholesale Trade	18	19	1	1	0	21	3.0%	6.5%	10,253
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	41	85	6	4	0	95	13.4%	11.3%	17,808
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	33	33	1	0	0	34	4.8%	4.6%	7,319
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	4	11	0	1	0	12	1.7%	1.6%	2,484
52	Finance & Insurance	19	10	3	0	0	13	1.8%	3.4%	5,304
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	59	19	3	0	0	22	3.1%	4.5%	7,019
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	49	44	2	0	0	46	6.5%	11.3%	17,711
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	20	8	0	0	0	8	1.1%	2.1%	3,267
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	34	27	0	0	0	27	3.8%	4.8%	7,564
61	Educational Services	5	6	0	0	1	7	1.0%	1.2%	1,820
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	4	63	1	5	1	70	9.8%	8.6%	13,571
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	10	21	1	0	0	22	3.1%	1.8%	2,808
72	Accom. & Food Services	16	54	4	5	0	63	8.9%	7.3%	11,558
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	29	54	3	0	0	57	8.0%	7.9%	12,476
91	Public Administration	-	8	0	1	0	9	1.3%	0.5%	804

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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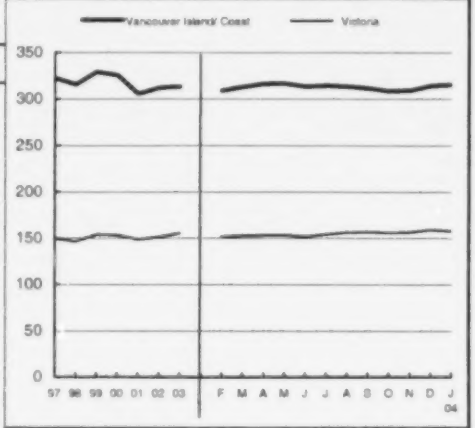
Regional District

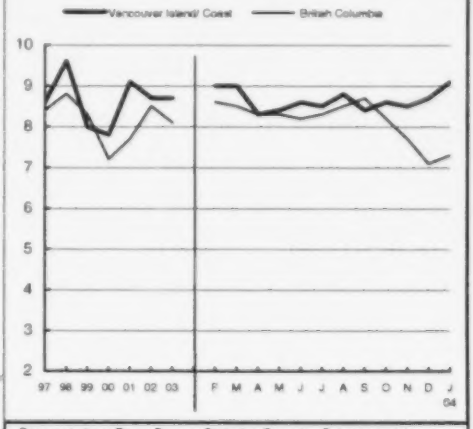
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Vancouver Island/ Coast		Victoria		British Columbia	
		Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
	1994	0.0	0.0	144.3	7.1	1,754.0	9.0
	1995	309.9	9.2	143.1	8.4	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	309.8	9.4	143.5	8.5	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	322.7	8.6	149.8	7.5	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	315.7	9.6	146.6	8.7	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	329.1	8.0	154.2	6.7	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	325.8	7.8	153.6	6.7	1,949.1	7.2
	2001	305.3	9.1	148.9	6.1	1,942.4	7.7
	2002	311.9	8.7	151.2	7.1	1,973.4	8.5
	2003	313.1	8.7	155.2	6.1	2,023.3	8.1
2003	Jan	305.1	9.1	150.1	6.5	1,969.8	8.5
	Feb	308.7	9.0	151.5	6.4	1,964.3	8.6
	Mar	313.0	9.0	152.8	6.0	1,971.3	8.5
	Apr	316.3	8.3	153.2	5.8	1,987.8	8.3
	May	316.5	8.4	153.4	6.2	2,002.6	8.3
	Jun	313.6	8.6	152.0	7.1	2,017.3	8.2
	Jul	314.4	8.5	154.2	7.2	2,038.0	8.3
	Aug	313.5	8.8	156.2	7.2	2,052.7	8.5
	Sep	311.7	8.4	156.9	6.8	2,050.9	8.7
	Oct	308.6	8.6	156.1	6.5	2,051.6	8.2
	Nov	309.0	8.5	156.7	5.5	2,045.5	7.7
	Dec	314.1	8.7	159.2	4.7	2,053.8	7.1
2004	Jan	315.3	9.1	157.9	5.2	2,042.9	7.3
	Feb						
	Mar						
	Apr						
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Jan03	291.3	9.5	143.8	7.1	1,900.6	7.9
	Jan-Jan04	305.2	11.2	151.2	8.0	1,899.6	9.6
	% Change	4.8		5.1		-0.1	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



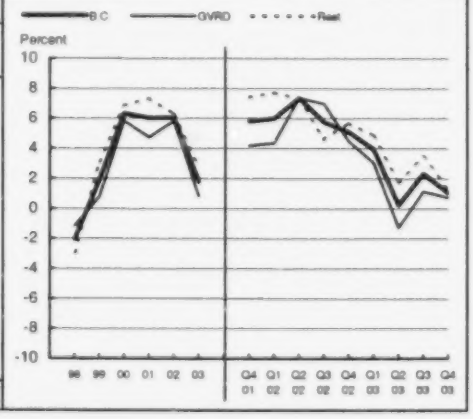
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales: B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	Percent change on year ago: B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
Annual	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
data	2002	40,272.6	19,996.5	20,276.1	6.0	5.8	6.3
	2003	40,998.1	20,161.5	20,836.6	1.8	0.8	2.8
	02 4	10,746.4	5,282.7	5,463.7	5.1	4.5	5.7
Quarterly	03 1	9,183.5	4,597.1	4,586.4	3.9	3.0	4.8
data	03 2	10,405.9	5,160.5	5,245.4	0.2	-1.3	1.8
	03 3	10,549.5	5,081.9	5,467.6	2.3	1.1	3.5
	03 4	10,859.2	5,322.0	5,537.2	1.0	0.7	1.3

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

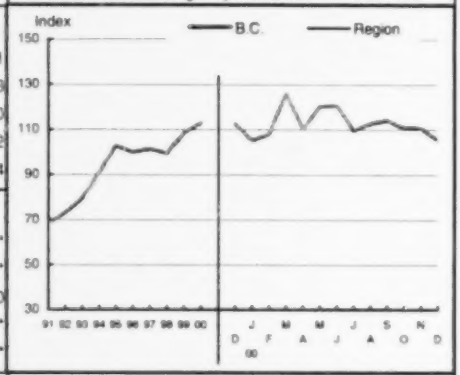
Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



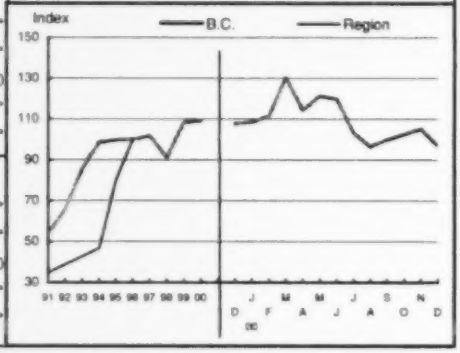
5 turing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products a

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	0	0	0	1	1
25	Wood	4	4	6	6	3
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	1	1	2	1	0
30	Metal Fabricating	3	3	3	3	2
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	11	11	15	18	14
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	0.0	0.0	0.0	**	**
25	Wood	**	5.5	9.4	11.7	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	0.0
30	Metal Fabricating	**	3.0	4.1	3.0	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	**
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	0	0	0	**	**
25	Wood	**	2	66	55	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	0
30	Metal Fabricating	**	21	30	23	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	**
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	0.0	0.0	0.0	**	**
25	Wood	**	1.6	2.0	2.1	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	0.0
30	Metal Fabricating	**	0.9	1.4	1.0	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	**

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

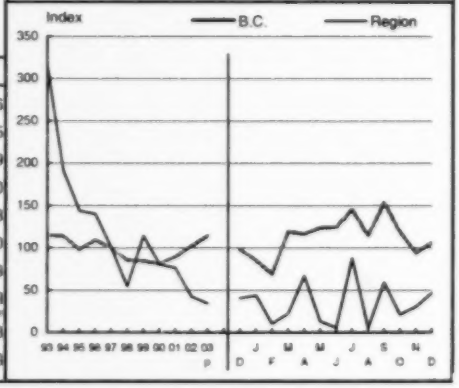


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Commercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential: Units
	<-- $ Millions -->						
1996	13.8	2.5	0.0	13.8	0.8	11.4	126
1997	9.9	2.1	0.4	9.9	0.1	7.8	65
1998	5.4	2.4	0.4	5.4	0.2	3.0	19
1999	11.3	5.8	0.2	11.3	0.2	5.5	40
2000	7.9	4.0	0.0	7.9	0.4	4.0	18
2001	7.5	2.4	0.0	7.5	0.4	5.1	60
2002	4.2	0.4	0.0	4.2	0.3	3.8	18
2003 p	3.4	0.8	0.0	3.4	0.5	2.6	13
YTD Dec '02	4.2	0.4	0.0	4.2	0.3	3.8	18
YTD Dec '03	3.4	0.8	0.0	3.4	0.5	2.6	13

Total Permits Index 1997=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

Powell River
Regional District

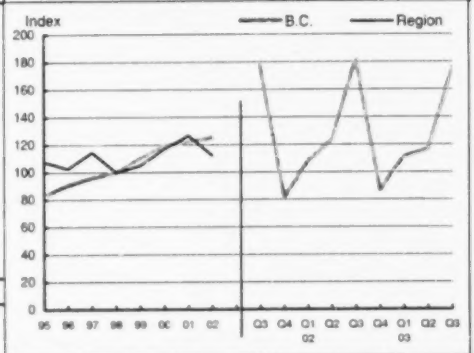
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Powell River Regional District	1999	3,130.1	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	2000	3,556.2	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	2001	3,846.7	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	2002	3,403.6	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
	2003	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a	
British Columbia	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,219,898.9	335,825.8	352,914.7	531,158.4	

Powell River 2002 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	3,403.6	100.0%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

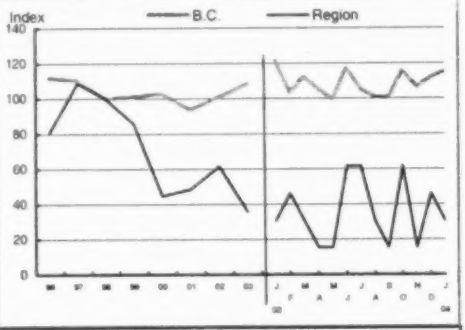


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1996	63
1997	85
1998	78
1999	67
2000	35
2001	38
2002	48
2003	28
Jan-Jan 03	3
Jan-Jan 04	2

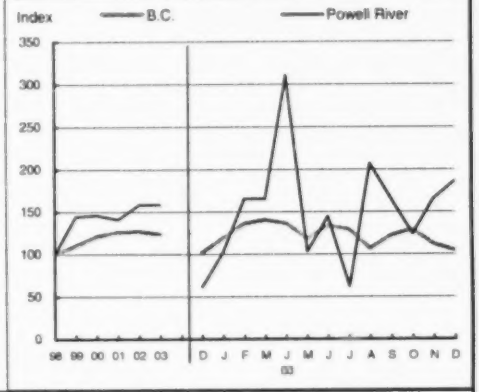
Incorporations Index 1998=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1998=100
Total = Consumer + Business



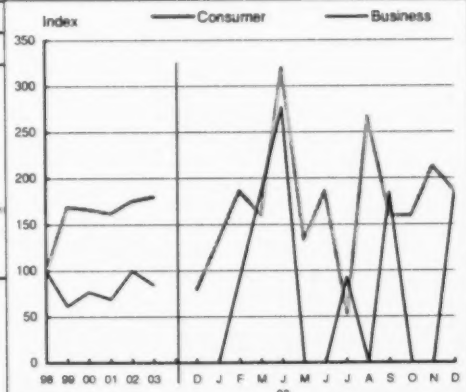
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Powell River Consumer	Powell River Business	Non-urban B.C. Consumer	Non-urban B.C. Business	B.C. Consumer	B.C. Business
1999	76	8	854	170	8,181	1,077
2000	75	10	983	148	9,184	980
2001	73	9	1,187	187	9,476	1,101
2002	79	13	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
2003	81	11	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
Jan-Dec 02	79	13	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
Jan-Dec 03	81	11	1,186	173	9,385	1,002

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Powell River Indices 1998=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women Tot. Female 19-64
Powell River Regional District	Mar '01	8.1	10.4	15.6	7.3	3.4
	Jun '01	8.0	10.3	15.3	7.0	3.5
	Sep '01	7.7	10.1	14.2	6.8	3.5
	Dec '01	7.5	9.4	14.5	6.8	3.3
	Mar '02	7.4	9.5	13.4	6.9	3.2
	Jun '02	6.5	8.8	10.5	5.9	3.0
	Sep '02	6.1	8.2	10.0	5.5	2.8
	Dec '02	5.4	7.0	8.3	5.0	2.3
	Mar '03	5.4	7.0	8.5	4.9	2.2
	Jun '03	5.1	6.8	8.7	4.4	2.2

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

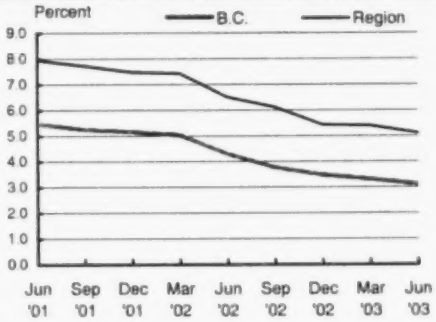
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64	
4.4	6.1	5.0	1.6	Mar '01
2.3	2.6	2.6	1.1	Jun '01
3.1	3.6	3.5	1.3	Sep '01
4.7	6.0	5.2	2.3	Dec '01
5.5	6.0	6.3	2.6	Mar '02
3.6	4.3	4.1	1.7	Jun '02
3.7	4.9	4.1	1.8	Sep '02
4.8	4.8	5.4	2.4	Dec '02
4.9	6.1	5.5	2.4	Mar '03
3.4	4.7	3.7	1.6	Jun '03

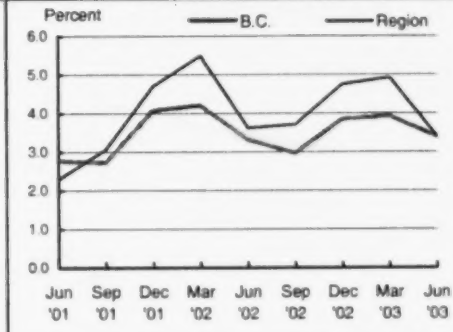
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of June '03)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	842	110,570
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	43.5	39.6
1-2 Years	14.3	14.7
>2 Years	42.2	45.7

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

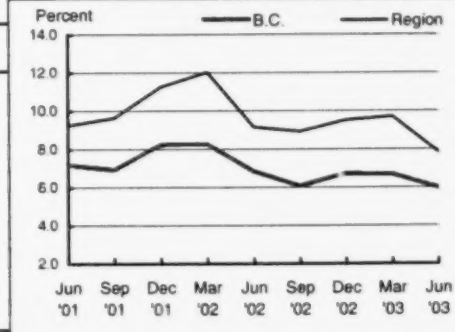
\- Data too small to release.

12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64
Powell River Regional District	Jun '01	9.2	17.6	9.5	4.7
	Sep '01	9.6	17.3	10.1	4.7
	Dec '01	11.3	19.9	11.8	5.4
	Mar '02	12.0	19.3	13.0	5.5
	Jun '02	9.2	14.6	9.9	4.5
	Sep '02	8.9	14.8	9.5	4.5
	Dec '02	9.5	13.1	10.3	5.2
	Mar '03	9.7	14.7	10.4	5.4
	Jun '03	7.8	13.4	8.2	4.3

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details.

Powell River
Regional District

13 Demographics

The gender ratio of this area is weighted in favour of males, in contrast to the province as a whole, which has more females than males. This is likely due to the dependence on the resource sector, which tends to be male-dominated. The median age of the population is higher than the provincial median reflecting the older work force. As is characteristic of more rural areas, the total fertility rate is higher than the provincial rate.

14 Projection

Although this area is attempting to diversify its economy, developments in the forest sector will continue to have important impacts. It is likely that economic cycles in the forest sector will continue to affect the employment base of the area. In the short-term, developments at the mill will likely result in population declines as layoffs occur. As well, the number of deaths will grow, while births will likely decline. Despite fluctuations, the overall average population for this area should decline marginally the end of the projection period.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

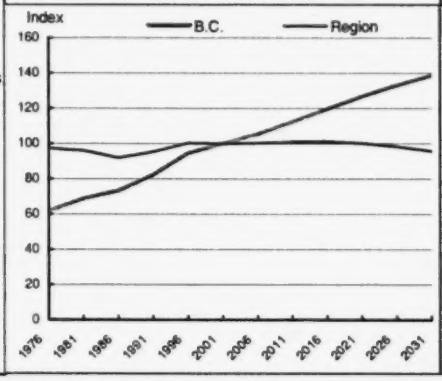
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							House-holds	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	1.6	5.3	2.3	5.5	3.9	1.6	20.1	6.5	0.593	0.137	0.729	1976
1981	1.3	4.4	2.5	5.7	3.9	2.0	19.8	7.0	0.470	0.168	0.638	1981
1986	1.3	3.7	1.9	5.6	4.1	2.3	19.0	7.3	0.429	0.197	0.626	1986
1991	1.3	3.6	1.6	6.0	4.5	2.7	19.7	7.6	0.402	0.220	0.622	1991
1996	1.2	3.7	1.5	6.0	5.1	3.1	20.7	8.4	0.391	0.242	0.633	1996
2001	0.9	3.7	1.4	5.4	5.9	3.4	20.6	9.0	0.362	0.271	0.633	2001
2006	0.8	3.1	1.9	4.6	6.5	3.8	20.7	9.3	0.300	0.291	0.592	2006
2011	0.8	2.7	1.6	4.4	7.1	4.2	20.8	9.8	0.270	0.325	0.595	2011
2016	0.8	2.5	1.4	4.4	6.9	4.9	20.9	10.2	0.260	0.387	0.647	2016
2021	0.8	2.4	1.1	4.3	6.5	5.6	20.7	10.3	0.268	0.469	0.737	2021
2026	0.7	2.4	1.1	4.2	5.8	6.2	20.3	10.2	0.275	0.561	0.836	2026
2031	0.6	2.2	1.1	3.6	5.5	6.7	19.8	10.1	0.278	0.661	0.939	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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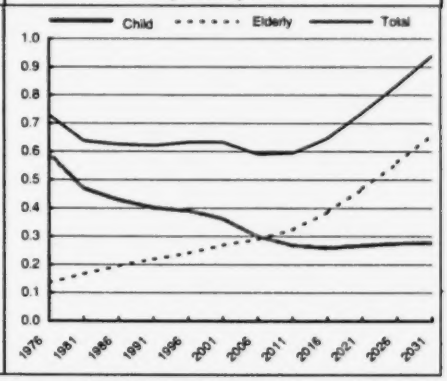


Source: Population data are Projection P-28, run in Summer 2003. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

Skeena-Queen Charlotte
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Masset, Port Clements, Port Edward, Prince Rupert

Fishing and forestry are the primary economic activities in this region. The Prince Rupert area has the largest concentration of fish processing facilities in the province outside the Vancouver region. Developments affecting this region include cutbacks in the forest sector and possible further restrictions imposed on the fishing industry to avoid depletion of salmon stocks. The Prince Rupert area has seen some movement from the area in recent years and this out-migration is likely to continue if there is no improvement in the resource sectors. Skeena Cellulose has been sold but has yet to reopen the pulp mill. Off-shore oil drilling may start in several years resulting in considerable in-migration. A large wind farm may be constructed starting in 2005.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P28 completed in the Summer of 2003. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2002

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Skeena-Queen Charlotte							British Columbia	
		Firms with	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
		No Em-ployees	Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	720	755	52	24	9	840	100.0%	100.0%	157,421
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	206	89	3	3	0	95	11.3%	5.7%	9,047
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	-	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.5%	778
22	Utilities	-	2	0	0	0	2	0.2%	0.1%	154
23	Construction	94	57	2	0	0	59	7.0%	10.7%	16,879
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	28	25	6	3	2	36	4.3%	5.6%	8,797
41	Wholesale Trade	15	29	1	0	0	30	3.6%	6.5%	10,253
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	48	118	7	5	0	130	15.5%	11.3%	17,808
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	73	50	6	0	3	59	7.0%	4.6%	7,319
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	6	7	1	0	0	8	1.0%	1.6%	2,484
52	Finance & Insurance	23	12	0	1	0	13	1.5%	3.4%	5,304
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	56	16	0	1	0	17	2.0%	4.5%	7,019
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	33	56	1	1	0	58	6.9%	11.3%	17,711
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	16	12	0	0	0	12	1.4%	2.1%	3,267
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	34	44	2	0	0	46	5.5%	4.8%	7,564
61	Educational Services	3	7	1	0	2	10	1.2%	1.2%	1,820
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	4	55	7	2	1	65	7.7%	8.6%	13,571
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	9	22	0	1	0	23	2.7%	1.8%	2,808
72	Accom. & Food Services	26	73	11	3	0	87	10.4%	7.3%	11,558
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	46	75	0	2	0	77	9.2%	7.9%	12,476
91	Public Administration	-	6	4	2	1	13	1.5%	0.5%	804

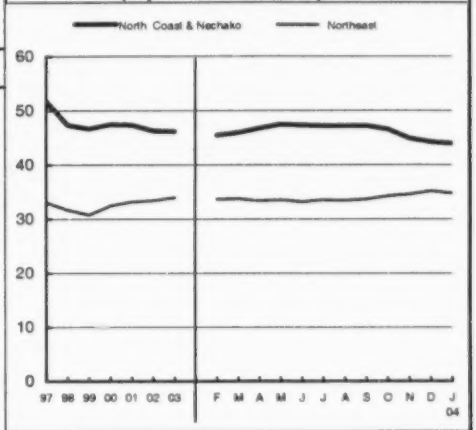
Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

Skeena-Queen Charlotte
Regional District

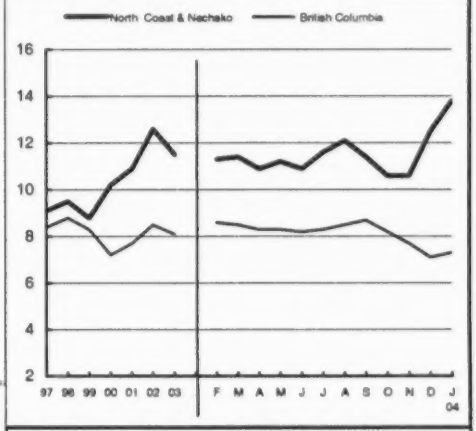
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		North Coast & Nechako		Northeast		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %
	1994	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,754.0	9.0
	1995	49.1	8.2	32.7	6.6	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	51.9	7.5	32.4	7.2	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	51.8	9.1	33.1	4.6	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	47.4	9.5	31.7	NA	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	46.7	8.8	30.8	8.9	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	47.5	10.2	32.5	6.1	1,949.1	7.2
	2001	47.4	10.9	33.2	5.9	1,942.4	7.7
	2002	46.3	12.6	33.4	9.0	1,973.4	8.5
	2003	46.2	11.5	34.0	6.9	2,023.3	8.1
2003	Jan	45.1	11.7	33.6	8.9	1,969.8	8.5
	Feb	45.5	11.3	33.7	8.2	1,964.3	8.6
	Mar	46.0	11.4	33.8	7.1	1,971.3	8.5
	Apr	46.8	10.9	33.4	7.2	1,987.8	8.3
	May	47.5	11.2	33.6	6.7	2,002.6	8.3
	Jun	47.3	10.9	33.2	7.2	2,017.3	8.2
	Jul	47.2	11.6	33.6	7.2	2,038.0	8.3
	Aug	47.2	12.1	33.5	7.7	2,052.7	8.5
	Sep	47.2	11.4	33.7	7.9	2,050.9	8.7
	Oct	46.6	10.6	34.3	6.8	2,051.6	8.2
	Nov	44.9	10.6	34.6	6.0	2,045.5	7.7
	Dec	44.3	12.5	35.2	4.3	2,053.8	7.1
2004	Jan	44.0	13.8	34.8	4.4	2,042.9	7.3
	Feb						
	Mar						
	Apr						
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Jan03	48.6	11.6	32.4	3.0	1,900.6	7.9
	Jan-Jan04	44.5	14.5	31.3	10.8	1,899.6	9.6
	% Change	-8.4		-3.4		-0.1	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



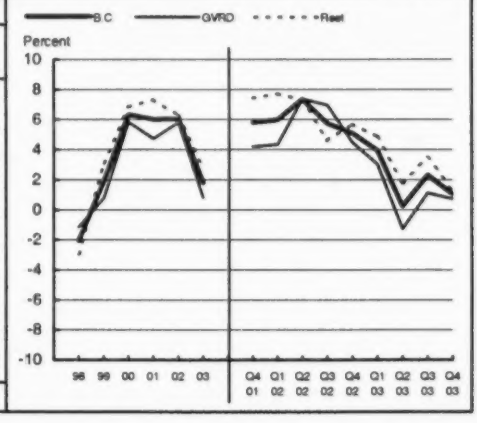
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales: B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	Percent change on year ago: B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
Annual	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
data	2002	40,272.6	19,996.5	20,276.1	6.0	5.8	6.3
	2003	40,998.1	20,161.5	20,836.6	1.8	0.8	2.8
	02 4	10,746.4	5,282.7	5,463.7	5.1	4.5	5.7
Quarterly	03 1	9,183.5	4,597.1	4,586.4	3.9	3.0	4.8
data	03 2	10,405.9	5,160.5	5,245.4	0.2	-1.3	1.8
	03 3	10,549.5	5,081.9	5,467.6	2.3	1.1	3.5
	03 4	10,859.2	5,322.0	5,537.2	1.0	0.7	1.3

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year

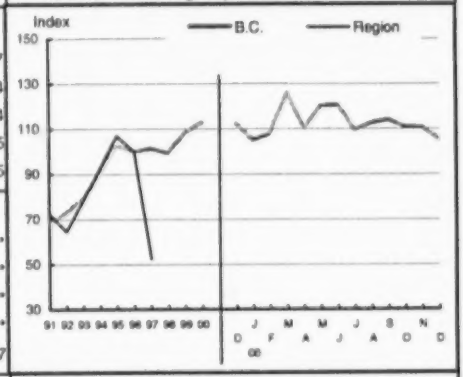


Skeena-Queen Charlotte
Regional District

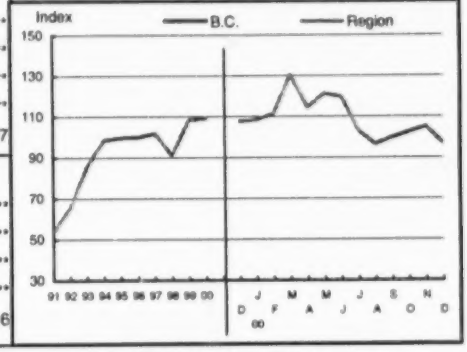
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	8	0	6	7	7
25	Wood	2	2	3	5	4
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	2	2	2	4	4
30	Metal Fabricating	4	4	4	5	5
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	21	14	25	28	25
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	0.0	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	1.9	2.0	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	379.4	**	517.8	484.2	253.7
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	0	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	23	28	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	1,859	**	1,594	1,708	1,137
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	0.0	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	**	**	**	**
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	0.8	0.9	**	**	**
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	72.5	**	67.0	72.7	50.6

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

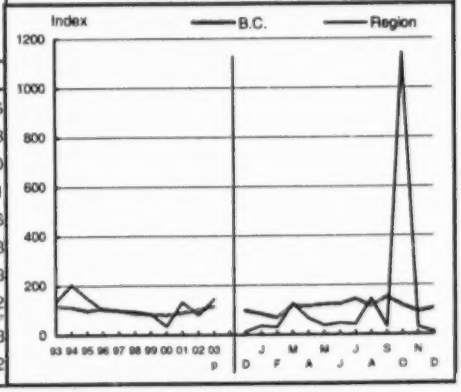


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential				Residential	
		Total Non Res.	Industrial	Commercial	Institutional & Gov'ment		Units
	<-- $ Millions -->						
1996	8.5	2.7	0.3	41.7	1.3	5.8	36
1997	8.3	4.4	1.8	47.6	0.7	3.9	23
1998	8.0	5.7	2.6	58.7	0.9	2.2	10
1999	7.0	4.9	0.2	59.4	3.4	2.2	11
2000	2.9	1.2	0.3	55.2	0.1	1.7	6
2001	11.0	8.7	2.9	59.5	1.8	2.3	3
2002	6.7	5.1	0.2	46.7	1.1	1.6	3
2003 p	12.0	9.4	7.6	55.6	0.1	2.6	2
YTD Dec '02	6.7	5.1	0.2	43.3	0.9	1.6	3
YTD Dec '03	12.0	9.4	7.6	55.6	0.1	2.6	2

Total Permits Index 1997=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

Skeena-Queen Charlotte
Regional District

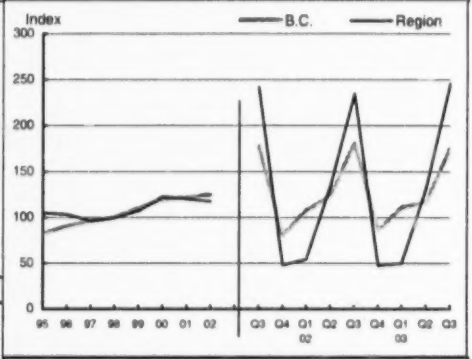
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Skeena-Q.Charlotte Regional District	1999	10,408.0	1,167.8	2,831.5	4,992.4	1,416.3
	2000	11,924.6	1,258.2	3,649.0	5,812.5	1,204.8
	2001	11,707.6	1,347.3	3,313.0	5,881.4	1,166.0
	2002	11,447.8	1,326.0	3,250.8	5,710.2	1,160.9
	2003	10,393.2	1,215.5	3,197.7	5,980.0	
British Columbia	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,219,898.9	335,825.8	352,914.7	531,158.4	

Skeena-Q.Charlotte 2002 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	11,447.8	100.0%
Hotels	5,640.5	49.3%
Motels	2,174.4	19.0%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

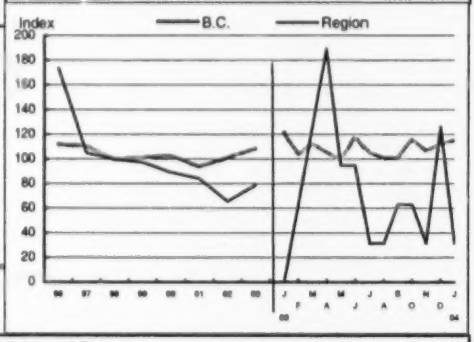


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1996	66
1997	40
1998	38
1999	37
2000	34
2001	32
2002	25
2003	30
Jan-Jan 03	2
Jan-Jan 04	0

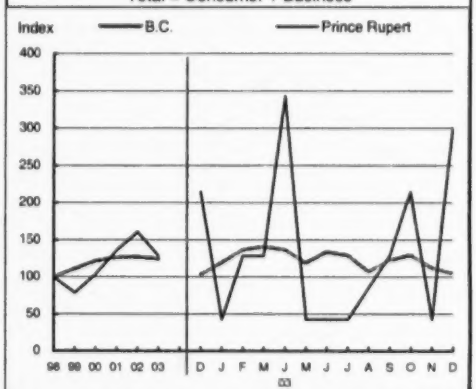
Incorporations Index 1998=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1998=100
Total = Consumer + Business



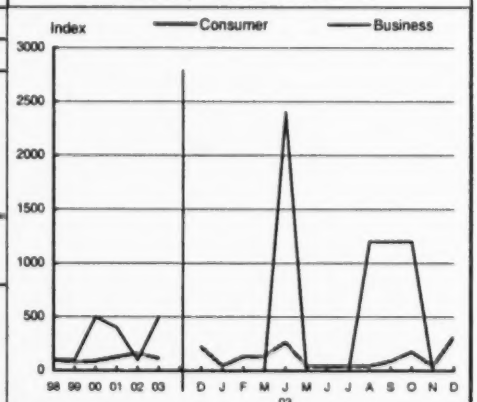
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Prince Rupert Consumer	Prince Rupert Business	Non-urban B.C. Consumer	Non-urban B.C. Business	B.C. Consumer	B.C. Business
1999	21	1	854	170	8,181	1,077
2000	24	5	983	148	9,184	980
2001	34	4	1,187	187	9,476	1,101
2002	44	1	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
2003	31	5	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
Jan-Dec 02	44	1	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
Jan-Dec 03	31	5	1,186	173	9,385	1,002

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Prince Rupert Indices 1998=100



Skeena-Queen Charlotte Regional District

Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women Tot. Female 19-64
Skeena-Q.Charlotte Regional District	Mar '01	10.9	14.9	18.2	8.9	4.7
	Jun '01	11.2	15.3	18.3	9.1	5.0
	Sep '01	8.0	11.0	14.7	6.1	4.0
	Dec '01	11.0	14.3	20.9	8.8	4.8
	Mar '02	10.9	14.8	18.9	8.7	4.9
	Jun '02	9.6	13.1	15.7	7.7	4.4
	Sep '02	7.1	10.0	11.3	5.5	3.7
	Dec '02	8.3	11.5	12.3	6.8	3.9
	Mar '03	8.1	11.2	11.5	6.7	3.9
	Jun '03	8.1	11.4	11.1	6.5	4.0

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

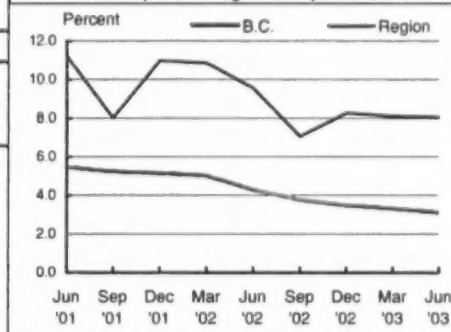
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64	
9.6	8.0	10.0	8.7	Mar '01
4.7	5.1	5.0	3.2	Jun '01
6.3	3.7	6.9	5.1	Sep '01
13.2	8.8	13.8	13.1	Dec '01
14.1	10.3	15.2	11.9	Mar '02
8.5	4.5	9.5	7.0	Jun '02
5.0	3.3	5.5	3.5	Sep '02
11.9	8.9	12.6	11.0	Dec '02
12.0	9.0	12.7	11.1	Mar '03
6.8	4.9	7.3	5.8	Jun '03

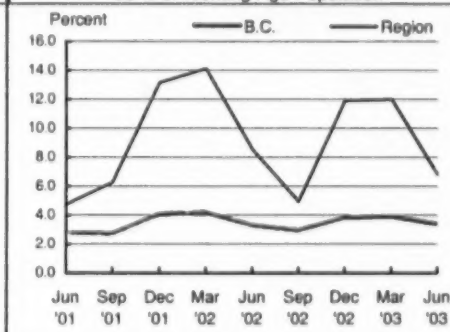
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of June '03)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	1,492	110,570
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	53.3	39.6
1-2 Years	16.1	14.7
>2 Years	30.6	45.7

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

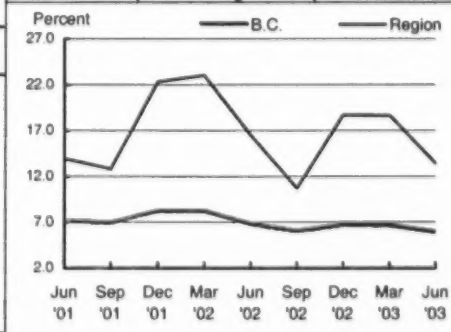
- Data too small to release.

12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64
Skeena-Q.Charlotte Regional District	Jun '01	14.0	23.3	13.9	7.2
	Sep '01	12.8	18.3	12.8	8.9
	Dec '01	22.3	29.3	22.3	17.5
	Mar '02	23.0	29.0	23.5	16.1
	Jun '02	16.5	20.1	17.1	10.8
	Sep '02	10.7	14.6	11.0	6.5
	Dec '02	18.7	21.1	19.2	14.4
	Mar '03	18.7	20.4	19.2	14.8
	Jun '03	13.4	15.9	13.8	9.7

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



*Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

Skeena-Queen Charlotte
Regional District

13 Demographics

This region has generally experienced net migration outflows over the last 25 years. The natural increase (i.e., the excess of births over deaths) has offset some of the migration outflows, but in many years there has been a population decline. The gender ratio for this area is substantially weighted in favour of males, in contrast to the province as a whole, which has more females than males. This is likely due to the dependence on male-dominated resource industries. Since men tend to have lower life expectancies than women, the median age at death is lower than the provincial median. The overall median age is also lower than for the province as a whole and this is reflected in the ratio of children (aged 17 and under) to working age population (aged 18 to 64), which is much higher than the provincial ratio, and the ratio of elderly (aged 65 and over) to working age population, which is much lower than the provincial ratio. Also, the total fertility rate in this region is substantially higher than the provincial rate.

14 Projection

This region has generally experienced net outflows of migrants but this trend is expected to reverse at least marginally in the long term as the resource sector recuperates. Port activity, particularly shipments to Asia are expected to increase. Off shore oil activity may begin as early as 2010. Deaths will likely begin to exceed births towards the end of the projection period resulting in a slightly negative population growth rate.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

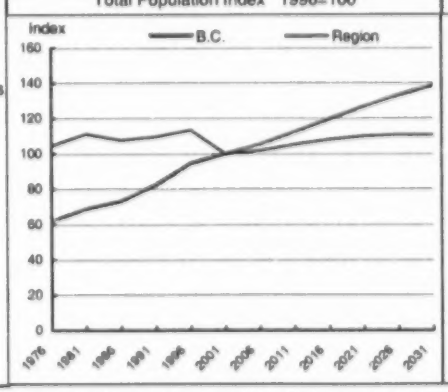
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							House-holds (,000)	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages		Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	2.4	6.2	3.5	7.3	3.5	1.0	23.8	6.8	0.605	0.069	0.674	1976
1981	2.4	5.9	4.1	8.6	3.4	1.1	25.4	7.9	0.513	0.066	0.578	1981
1986	2.3	5.3	3.1	8.9	3.7	1.2	24.6	8.3	0.486	0.078	0.564	1986
1991	2.4	5.1	2.6	9.2	4.2	1.5	25.0	8.7	0.470	0.091	0.562	1991
1996	2.2	5.4	2.6	9.3	4.9	1.5	25.9	9.1	0.455	0.090	0.545	1996
2001	1.6	4.6	2.0	7.3	5.6	1.7	22.8	8.9	0.417	0.116	0.533	2001
2006	1.4	4.2	2.3	6.7	6.5	2.0	23.2	9.1	0.364	0.132	0.495	2006
2011	1.4	3.9	2.4	6.4	7.3	2.7	24.0	9.6	0.334	0.166	0.500	2011
2016	1.4	3.7	2.2	6.3	7.4	3.6	24.6	10.4	0.321	0.224	0.545	2016
2021	1.3	3.7	2.0	6.3	7.2	4.5	25.0	10.9	0.323	0.293	0.616	2021
2026	1.3	3.6	2.0	6.4	6.6	5.4	25.3	11.1	0.324	0.358	0.682	2026
2031	1.2	3.5	1.9	6.3	6.3	6.0	25.2	11.3	0.324	0.413	0.737	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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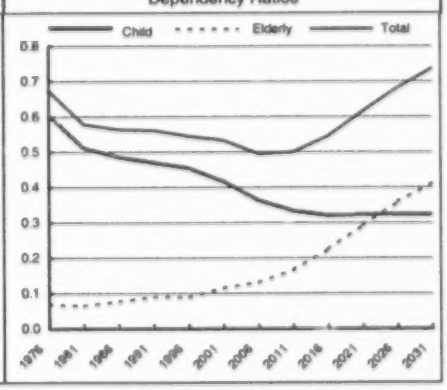

Source: Population data are Projection P-28, run in Summer 2003. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

Squamish-Lillooet
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Lillooet, Pemberton, Squamish, Whistler

Tourism has overtaken forestry as the main economic driver for this region, mostly on the strength of the ski resort at Whistler. As the Whistler resort becomes more all-season, there should be reduced seasonal variation in the resident population. The forest sector is still the dominant activity in the Lillooet area. Developments that will affect the population in this region include the 2010 winter Olypmics as well as a new university for Squamish.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P28 completed in the Summer of 2003. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150.
The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2002

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Squamish-Lillooet							British Columbia	
		Firms with	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
		No Em-ployees	Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	1,672	1,349	148	78	17	1,592	100.0%	100.0%	157,421
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	83	86	6	3	0	95	6.0%	5.7%	9,047
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	6	4	0	0	0	4	0.3%	0.5%	778
22	Utilities	2	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.1%	154
23	Construction	338	207	15	3	2	227	14.3%	10.7%	16,879
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	50	44	3	3	2	52	3.3%	5.6%	8,797
41	Wholesale Trade	51	54	1	0	0	55	3.5%	6.5%	10,253
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	100	183	19	13	2	217	13.6%	11.3%	17,808
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	58	65	7	1	0	73	4.6%	4.6%	7,319
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	21	20	2	0	0	22	1.4%	1.6%	2,484
52	Finance & Insurance	60	16	3	0	0	19	1.2%	3.4%	5,304
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	308	72	8	6	0	86	5.4%	4.5%	7,019
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	177	125	3	1	1	130	8.2%	11.3%	17,711
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	86	17	1	0	0	18	1.1%	2.1%	3,267
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	115	101	11	4	0	116	7.3%	4.8%	7,564
61	Educational Services	9	18	1	0	1	20	1.3%	1.2%	1,820
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	9	73	7	3	1	84	5.3%	8.6%	13,571
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	49	41	9	4	1	55	3.5%	1.8%	2,808
72	Accom. & Food Services	86	106	46	33	5	190	11.9%	7.3%	11,558
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	64	104	1	3	1	109	6.8%	7.9%	12,476
91	Public Administration	-	13	5	1	1	20	1.3%	0.5%	804

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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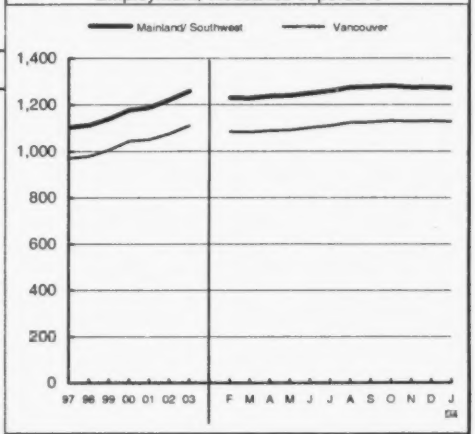
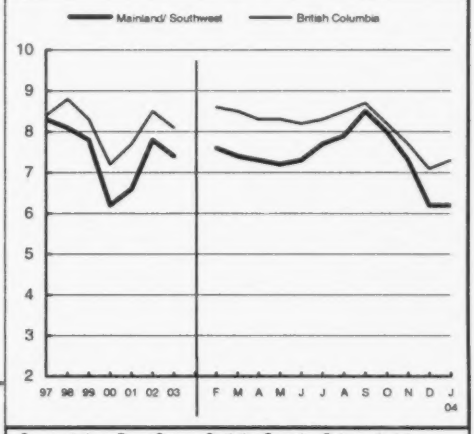
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Mainland/ Southwest		Vancouver		British Columbia	
		Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
	1994	0.0	0.0	908.9	8.6	1,754.0	9.0
	1995	1,055.8	7.9	929.6	7.9	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	1,073.4	8.3	948.6	8.0	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	1,104.0	8.3	971.3	8.3	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	1,113.4	8.1	979.6	8.1	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	1,140.1	7.8	1,005.4	7.8	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	1,177.9	6.2	1,044.5	5.9	1,949.1	7.2
	2001	1,187.9	6.6	1,051.1	6.6	1,942.4	7.7
	2002	1,221.6	7.8	1,076.2	7.8	1,973.4	8.5
	2003	1,258.6	7.4	1,110.8	7.3	2,023.3	8.1
2003	Jan	1,236.1	7.6	1,090.1	7.6	1,969.8	8.5
	Feb	1,229.7	7.6	1,084.0	7.6	1,964.3	8.6
	Mar	1,228.7	7.4	1,083.4	7.4	1,971.3	8.5
	Apr	1,238.0	7.3	1,089.9	7.3	1,987.8	8.3
	May	1,240.6	7.2	1,092.1	7.2	2,002.6	8.3
	Jun	1,250.7	7.3	1,102.0	7.2	2,017.3	8.2
	Jul	1,259.8	7.7	1,110.2	7.7	2,038.0	8.3
	Aug	1,275.8	7.9	1,123.8	8.0	2,052.7	8.5
	Sep	1,278.3	8.5	1,125.8	8.6	2,050.9	8.7
	Oct	1,281.5	8.0	1,131.3	8.0	2,051.6	8.2
	Nov	1,275.4	7.3	1,129.3	7.2	2,045.5	7.7
	Dec	1,276.7	6.2	1,131.9	6.1	2,053.8	7.1
2004	Jan	1,272.6	6.2	1,128.5	6.1	2,042.9	7.3
	Feb						
	Mar						
	Apr						
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Jan03	1,168.4	6.5	1,032.3	6.4	1,900.6	7.9
	Jan-Jan04	1,169.8	8.4	1,035.1	8.2	1,899.6	9.6
	% Change	0.1		0.3		-0.1	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



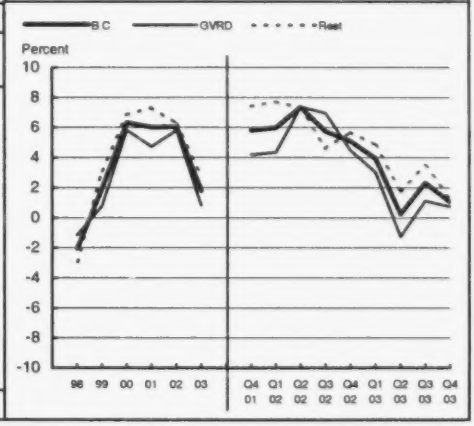
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales: B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	Percent change on year ago: B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
Annual	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
data	2002	40,272.6	19,996.5	20,276.1	6.0	5.8	6.3
	2003	40,998.1	20,161.5	20,836.6	1.8	0.8	2.8
	02 4	10,746.4	5,282.7	5,463.7	5.1	4.5	5.7
Quarterly	03 1	9,183.5	4,597.1	4,586.4	3.9	3.0	4.8
data	03 2	10,405.9	5,160.5	5,245.4	0.2	-1.3	1.8
	03 3	10,549.5	5,081.9	5,467.6	2.3	1.1	3.5
	03 4	10,859.2	5,322.0	5,537.2	1.0	0.7	1.3

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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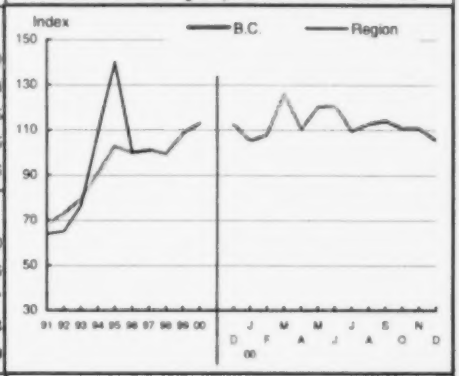
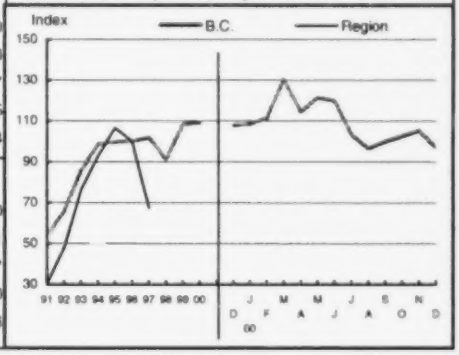
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	0	0	0	0	0
25	Wood	8	9	8	8	8
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	4	5	4	4	5
30	Metal Fabricating	3	3	4	4	5
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	17	19	22	23	26
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
25	Wood	126.3	153.8	176.4	165.5	111.6
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	0.7	2.4
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	261.5	373.6	478.9	342.0	344.9
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	0	4	0	0	0
25	Wood	436	447	432	462	393
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	5	25
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	889	976	976	973	984
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.0	0.0
25	Wood	19.2	18.8	19.9	22.6	19.1
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	**	**	**	0.2	1.0
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	41.3	45.4	47.8	48.4	49.8

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

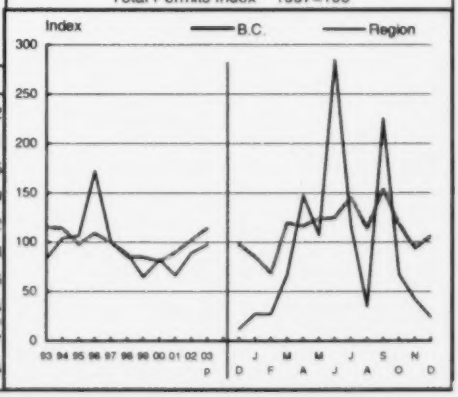


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Commercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1996	223.7	96.3	2.9	5.7	1.3	127.5	1,042
1997	130.0	44.7	1.8	6.3	2.1	85.2	641
1998	114.8	65.9	1.2	25.7	1.6	48.9	295
1999	84.2	18.8	0.7	18.2	2.3	65.4	419
2000	107.4	50.7	1.9	29.9	9.9	56.8	292
2001	86.4	13.3	0.8	32.6	1.3	73.1	373
2002	115.5	16.7	2.6	52.7	5.7	98.8	576
2003 p	126.9	41.0	4.7	60.0	5.1	85.9	524
YTD Dec '02	113.9	16.9	2.6	52.5	5.7	97.0	567
YTD Dec '03	126.9	41.0	4.7	60.0	5.1	85.9	524

Total Permits Index 1997=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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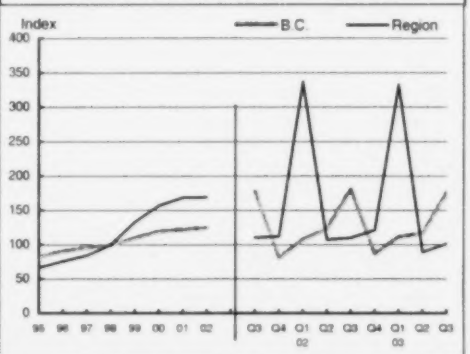
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Squamish-Lillooet Regional District	1999	160,495.0	74,717.9	24,627.9	30,295.1	30,854.1
	2000	189,519.6	86,524.5	32,520.8	34,720.6	35,753.6
	2001	204,143.0	102,504.9	34,299.4	33,360.9	33,977.8
	2002	204,428.1	101,893.5	32,578.0	33,243.7	36,712.9
	2003	158,216.4	100,596.9	27,020.0	30,599.5	
British Columbia	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,219,898.9	335,825.8	352,914.7	531,158.4	

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100



Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

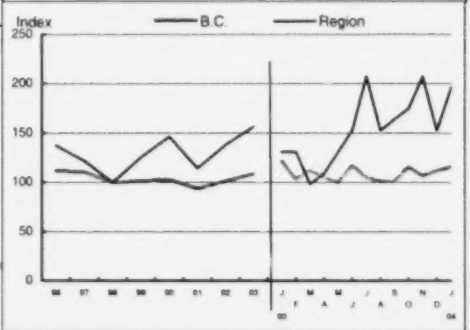
Squamish-Lillooet 2002 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	204,428.1	100.0%
Hotels	165,037.9	80.7%
76+ Rooms	151,394.5	74.1%
1-75 Rooms	13,643.5	6.7%
Motels	1,768.0	0.9%
Vacation Rentals	29,656.9	14.5%

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1996	151
1997	134
1998	110
1999	138
2000	161
2001	126
2002	152
2003	172
Jan-Jan 03	12
Jan-Jan 04	10

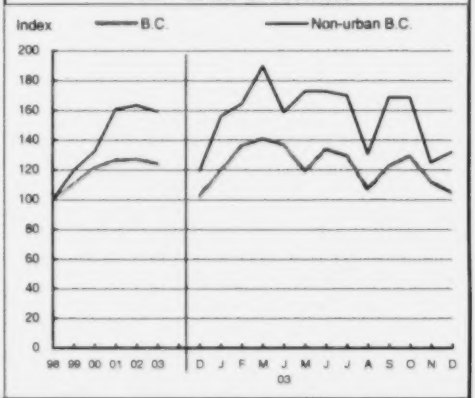
Incorporations Index 1998=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1998=100
Total = Consumer + Business



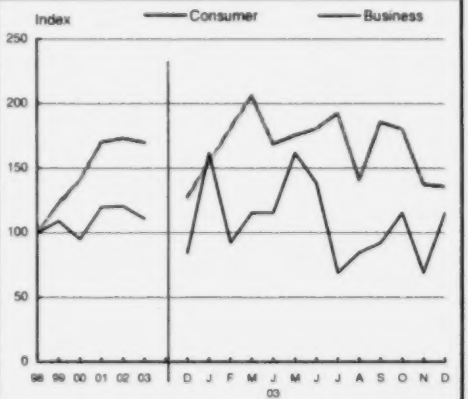
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Non-urban B.C. Consumer	Non-urban B.C. Business	B.C. Consumer	B.C. Business
1999	854	170	8,181	1,077
2000	983	148	9,184	980
2001	1,187	187	9,476	1,101
2002	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
2003	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
Jan-Dec 02	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
Jan-Dec 03	1,186	173	9,385	1,002

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Non-urban B.C. Indices 1998=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women Tot. Female 19-64	
Squamish-Lillooet Regional District	Mar '01	3.0	4.8	3.3	2.3	1.5	Mar '01
	Jun '01	2.8	4.5	3.3	2.1	1.5	Jun '01
	Sep '01	2.8	4.6	2.8	2.1	1.5	Sep '01
	Dec '01	3.0	4.7	3.0	2.4	1.5	Dec '01
	Mar '02	3.0	4.5	3.1	2.4	1.4	Mar '02
	Jun '02	2.3	3.5	2.3	1.9	1.1	Jun '02
	Sep '02	1.8	2.8	1.9	1.5	0.9	Sep '02
	Dec '02	1.8	2.7	2.0	1.3	0.9	Dec '02
	Mar '03	1.7	2.5	1.6	1.4	0.8	Mar '03
	Jun '03	1.5	2.4	1.3	1.2	0.8	Jun '03

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

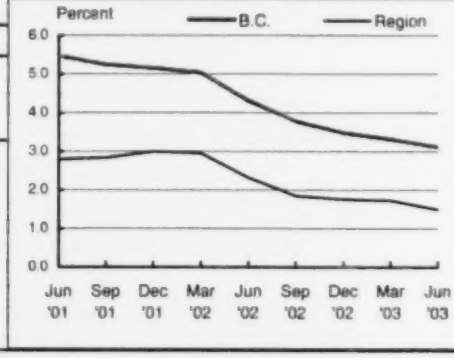
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64	
3.5	2.8	3.8	1.9	Mar '01
3.5	2.8	3.9	1.8	Jun '01
3.7	2.8	4.1	1.9	Sep '01
4.9	4.7	5.3	2.5	Dec '01
5.7	4.7	6.2	3.4	Mar '02
4.2	3.7	4.6	2.2	Jun '02
3.6	3.1	3.9	2.0	Sep '02
4.4	3.9	4.7	2.7	Dec '02
4.5	3.7	4.9	3.3	Mar '03
5.0	4.5	5.3	3.3	Jun '03

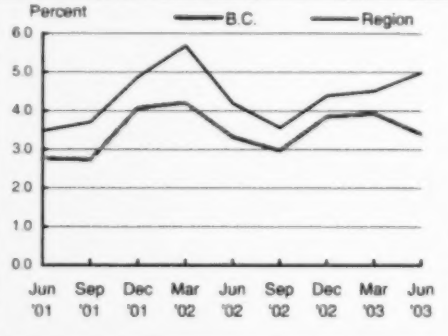
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of June '03)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	457	110,570
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	47.1	39.6
1-2 Years	18.1	14.7
>2 Years	34.9	45.7

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996.

Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

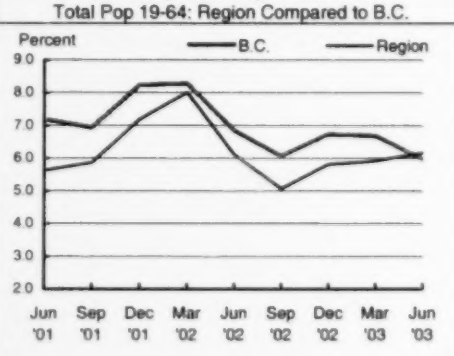
- Data too small to release.

12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64	
Squamish-Lillooet Regional District	Jun '01	5.6	5.9	5.8	4.0	Jun '01
	Sep '01	5.9	5.5	6.2	4.0	Sep '01
	Dec '01	7.2	7.4	7.5	4.5	Dec '01
	Mar '02	8.0	7.6	8.5	5.5	Mar '02
	Jun '02	6.1	6.0	6.4	4.1	Jun '02
	Sep '02	5.1	5.0	5.3	3.6	Sep '02
	Dec '02	5.8	5.9	6.0	4.4	Dec '02
	Mar '03	5.9	5.1	6.2	5.0	Mar '03
	Jun '03	6.2	5.7	6.5	4.7	Jun '03

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

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13 Demographics

The forest sector and construction activity are important components of the economy and this is evident in the gender ratio, which is biased in favour of males. This is in contrast to the province as a whole, which has more females than males. The median age of the population is substantially younger than the provincial median, and this is due to a small proportion of elderly (aged 65 and over) compared to the province as a whole. The ratio of elderly to working age population (aged 18 to 64) is less than half the provincial ratio.

14 Projection

This area had one of the fastest growing populations in British Columbia in the early nineties. As the burgeoning tourism industry continues to supplant forestry as the main economic activity, there will likely be more stable migration patterns. As the Whistler resort becomes more of an all-season resort, there should be reduced seasonal variation in the resident population. The projection is for strong, sustained growth for this region, with the population almost doubling in 30 years.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

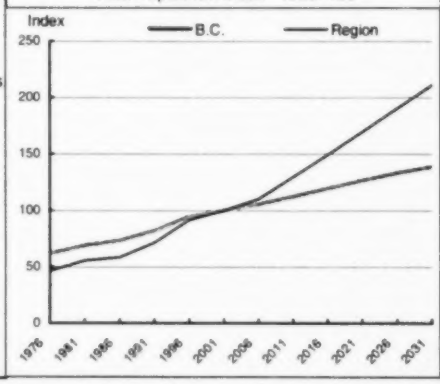
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							House-holds	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	1.6	4.3	2.4	4.8	2.5	0.6	16.2	4.9	0.604	0.064	0.669	1976
1981	1.9	4.3	2.8	6.5	3.0	0.9	19.5	6.5	0.508	0.073	0.580	1981
1986	1.8	4.2	2.3	7.5	3.4	1.3	20.5	7.5	0.452	0.102	0.553	1986
1991	2.1	4.8	2.5	9.9	4.2	1.6	25.1	9.0	0.416	0.093	0.509	1991
1996	2.4	5.6	3.7	12.9	5.7	1.9	32.1	11.9	0.359	0.083	0.442	1996
2001	2.1	5.9	4.0	13.5	7.3	2.2	35.0	13.7	0.322	0.089	0.411	2001
2006	2.2	5.9	4.1	14.0	9.5	2.9	38.6	15.4	0.294	0.105	0.399	2006
2011	2.3	5.7	6.1	15.2	12.0	4.0	45.4	19.3	0.241	0.119	0.360	2011
2016	2.9	5.8	6.1	18.1	14.1	5.3	52.3	23.1	0.227	0.138	0.365	2016
2021	3.5	6.4	5.9	21.3	15.6	6.7	59.5	26.2	0.233	0.158	0.391	2021
2026	3.9	7.8	6.0	24.1	16.2	8.7	66.8	28.9	0.253	0.188	0.441	2026
2031	4.1	9.1	6.4	25.9	17.5	11.0	74.0	31.6	0.266	0.220	0.486	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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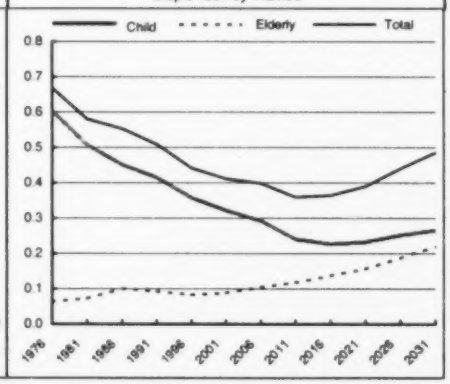

Source: Population data are Projection P-28, run in Summer 2003. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Region: Fort St. John, Hudson's Hope, Taylor

Mining, tourism and forestry are all important contributors to the economy in this region. In the forest sector, the decrease to the Allowable Annual Cut (AAC) of the Cassiar Timber Supply Area will likely not impact the population greatly. Rising metal prices may lead to more mining activity in the area.In the mineral sector, the plant at Cassiar which was test processing magnesium burnt down in late 2000 and is unlikely to be rebuilt in the area. There are several mining prospects in the area, but the Golden Bear Mine (between Telegraph Creek and Dease Lake) ceased mining in 2000 except for seasonal heap-leaching. The Tulsequah Chief mine project on the Taku River near Atlin has been approved and could employ as many as 500 people. Most miners will likely live else where, flying in from all parts of Canada to work.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P28 completed in the Summer of 2003. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2002

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Stikine							British Columbia	
		Firms with	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
		No Em-ployees	Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	59	48	4	2	0	54	100.0%	100.0%	157,421
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	2	3	0	0	0	3	5.6%	5.7%	9,047
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	4	1	0	0	0	1	1.9%	0.5%	778
22	Utilities	-	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.1%	154
23	Construction	16	7	1	0	0	8	14.8%	10.7%	16,879
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	2	2	0	0	0	2	3.7%	5.6%	8,797
41	Wholesale Trade	-	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	6.5%	10,253
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	7	7	0	0	0	7	13.0%	11.3%	17,808
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	6	6	0	0	0	6	11.1%	4.6%	7,319
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	-	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	1.6%	2,484
52	Finance & Insurance	1	1	0	0	0	1	1.9%	3.4%	5,304
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	2	1	0	0	0	1	1.9%	4.5%	7,019
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	4	1	0	0	0	1	1.9%	11.3%	17,711
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	2	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	2.1%	3,267
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	3	3	0	0	0	3	5.6%	4.8%	7,564
61	Educational Services	1	1	0	1	0	2	3.7%	1.2%	1,820
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	-	2	0	0	0	2	3.7%	8.6%	13,571
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	2	3	0	0	0	3	5.6%	1.8%	2,808
72	Accom. & Food Services	2	7	3	1	0	11	20.4%	7.3%	11,558
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	5	1	0	0	0	1	1.9%	7.9%	12,476
91	Public Administration	-	2	0	0	0	2	3.7%	0.5%	804

Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

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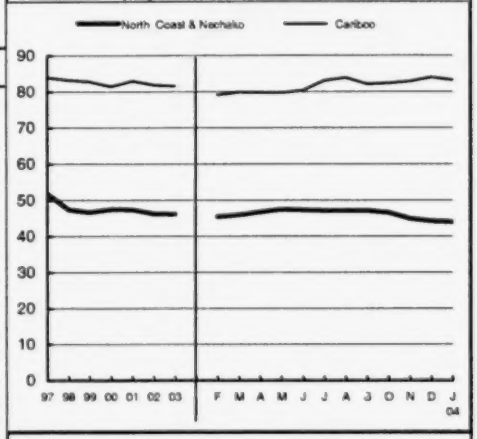
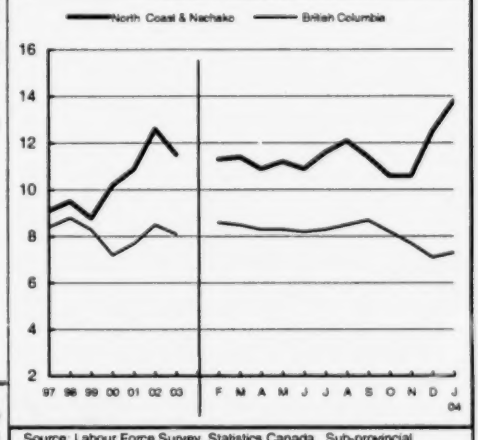
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		North Coast & Nechako		Cariboo		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %
	1994	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,754.0	9.0
	1995	49.1	8.2	80.4	9.7	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	51.9	7.5	86.8	8.6	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	51.8	9.1	84.0	9.8	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	47.4	9.5	83.3	14.5	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	46.7	8.8	82.9	11.6	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	47.5	10.2	81.5	9.9	1,949.1	7.2
	2001	47.4	10.9	83.0	9.7	1,942.4	7.7
	2002	46.3	12.6	81.9	12.6	1,973.4	8.5
	2003	46.2	11.5	81.6	11.2	2,023.3	8.1
2003	Jan	45.1	11.7	78.4	13.1	1,969.8	8.5
	Feb	45.5	11.3	79.2	13.0	1,964.3	8.6
	Mar	46.0	11.4	79.9	12.8	1,971.3	8.5
	Apr	46.8	10.9	79.8	12.5	1,987.8	8.3
	May	47.5	11.2	79.7	12.6	2,002.6	8.3
	Jun	47.3	10.9	80.4	13.0	2,017.3	8.2
	Jul	47.2	11.6	83.1	12.1	2,038.0	8.3
	Aug	47.2	12.1	83.9	10.8	2,052.7	8.5
	Sep	47.2	11.4	82.1	10.4	2,050.9	8.7
	Oct	46.6	10.6	82.4	9.8	2,051.6	8.2
	Nov	44.9	10.6	82.9	9.5	2,045.5	7.7
	Dec	44.3	12.5	84.0	8.8	2,053.8	7.1
2004	Jan	44.0	13.8	83.3	9.8	2,042.9	7.3
	Feb						
	Mar						
	Apr						
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Jan03	48.6	11.6	82.4	10.3	1,900.6	7.9
	Jan-Jan04	44.5	14.5	82.5	14.0	1,899.6	9.6
	% Change	-8.4		0.1		-0.1	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



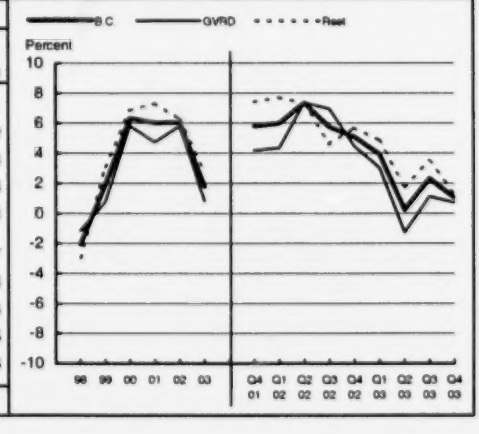
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales: B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	Percent change on year ago: B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
Annual	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
data	2002	40,272.6	19,996.5	20,276.1	6.0	5.8	6.3
	2003	40,998.1	20,161.5	20,836.6	1.8	0.8	2.8
	02 4	10,746.4	5,282.7	5,463.7	5.1	4.5	5.7
Quarterly	03 1	9,183.5	4,597.1	4,586.4	3.9	3.0	4.8
data	03 2	10,405.9	5,160.5	5,245.4	0.2	-1.3	1.8
	03 3	10,549.5	5,081.9	5,467.6	2.3	1.1	3.5
	03 4	10,859.2	5,322.0	5,537.2	1.0	0.7	1.3

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

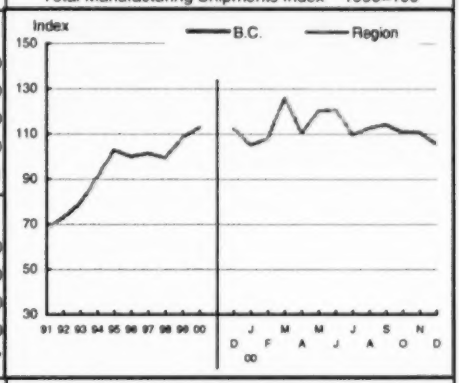
Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



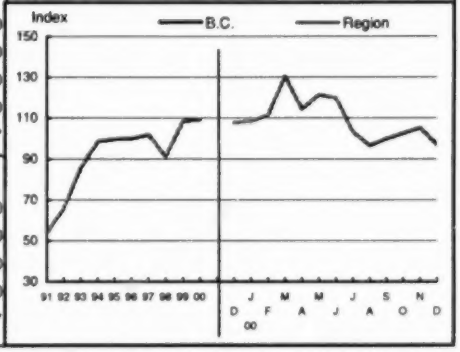
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	0	0	0	0	0
25	Wood	0	0	0	0	0
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	0	0	0	0	0
30	Metal Fabricating	0	1	1	0	0
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	1	1	2	1	1
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
25	Wood	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
30	Metal Fabricating	0.0	**	**	0.0	0.0
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	**
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	0	0	0	0	0
25	Wood	0	0	0	0	0
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	0	0	0	0	0
30	Metal Fabricating	0	**	**	0	0
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	**
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
25	Wood	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
30	Metal Fabricating	0.0	**	**	0.0	0.0
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	**

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

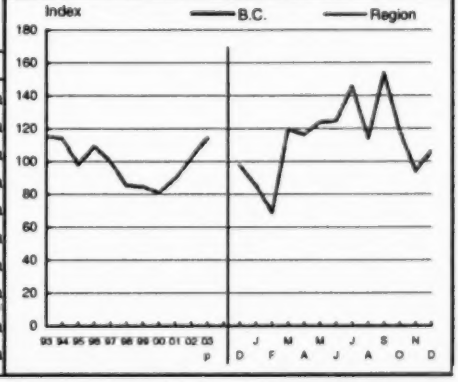


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Commercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential: Units
	<-- $ Millions -->						
1996	n/a	n/a	n/a	274.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
1997	n/a	n/a	n/a	237.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
1998	n/a	n/a	n/a	241.1	n/a	n/a	n/a
1999	n/a	n/a	n/a	413.9	n/a	n/a	n/a
2000	n/a	n/a	n/a	276.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
2001	n/a	n/a	n/a	282.5	n/a	n/a	n/a
2002	n/a	n/a	n/a	265.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
2003 p	n/a	n/a	n/a	342.7	n/a	n/a	n/a
YTD Dec '02	n/a	n/a	n/a	265.2	n/a	n/a	n/a
YTD Dec '03	n/a	n/a	n/a	342.7	n/a	n/a	n/a

Total Permits Index 1997=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

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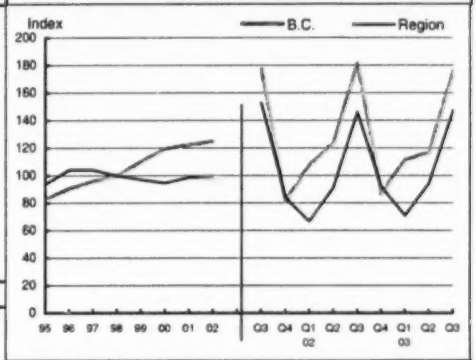
7 Tourism Room Revenue - Includes Bulkley-Nechako R.D. ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Stikine Regional District	1999	8,684.3	1,401.9	2,049.1	3,377.8	1,855.5
	2000	8,443.5	1,503.7	2,143.5	3,193.5	1,602.7
	2001	8,807.0	1,435.5	2,083.8	3,412.6	1,875.1
	2002	8,843.0	1,490.5	2,034.3	3,261.7	2,056.5
	2003	6,974.1	1,579.4	2,103.9	3,290.9	
British Columbia	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,219,898.9	335,825.8	352,914.7	531,158.4	

Stikine 2002 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	8,843.0	100.0%
Motels	4,700.4	53.2%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

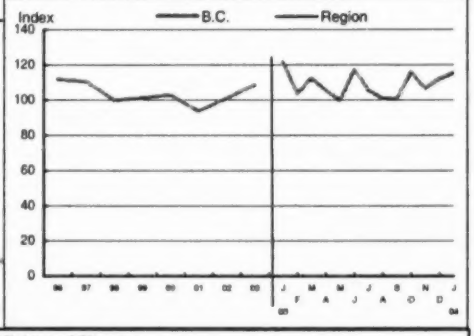


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1996	6
1997	1
1998	0
1999	3
2000	1
2001	1
2002	5
2003	2
Jan-Jan 03	0
Jan-Jan 04	0

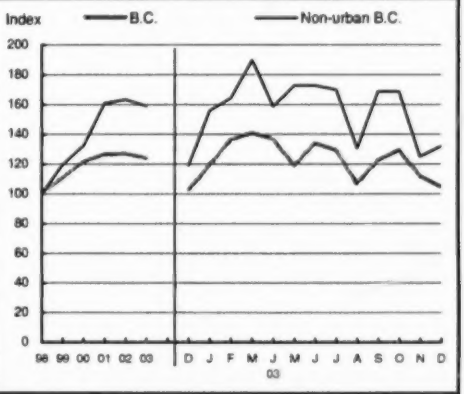
Incorporations Index 1998=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1998=100
Total = Consumer + Business



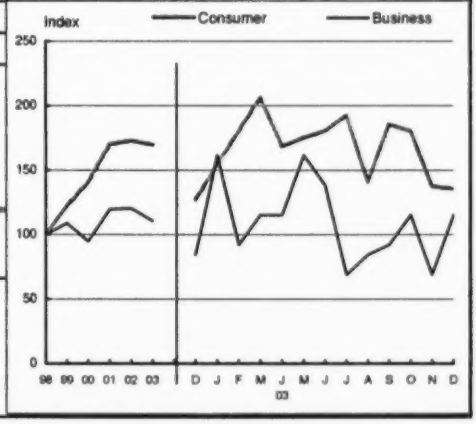
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Non-urban B.C. Consumer	Non-urban B.C. Business	B.C. Consumer	B.C. Business
1999	854	170	8,181	1,077
2000	983	148	9,184	980
2001	1,187	187	9,476	1,101
2002	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
2003	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
Jan-Dec 02	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
Jan-Dec 03	1,186	173	9,385	1,002

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Non-urban B.C. Indices 1998=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

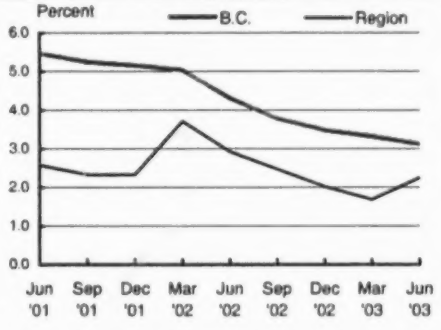
(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

	Subject Group (receiving benefits)	All (0-64)	Children <19 yrs in Families	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	Single Parent Women	
	Reference Group	Total Pop. 0-64	Total Pop. <19	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Tot. Female 19-64	
Stikine Regional District	Mar '01	2.6	4.2	-	2.3	-	Mar '01
	Jun '01	2.6	2.8	-	3.0	-	Jun '01
	Sep '01	2.3	3.3	-	2.7	-	Sep '01
	Dec '01	2.3	2.8	-	2.7	-	Dec '01
	Mar '02	3.7	5.3	-	3.8	2.1	Mar '02
	Jun '02	2.9	4.9	-	2.7	1.8	Jun '02
	Sep '02	2.5	4.9	-	1.9	1.5	Sep '02
	Dec '02	2.0	3.5	-	1.7	-	Dec '02
	Mar '03	1.7	3.5	-	1.1	-	Mar '03
	Jun '03	2.2	5.8	-	1.1	1.5	Jun '03

Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of June '03)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	22	110,570
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	85.0	39.6
1-2 Years	-	14.7
>2 Years	-	45.7

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



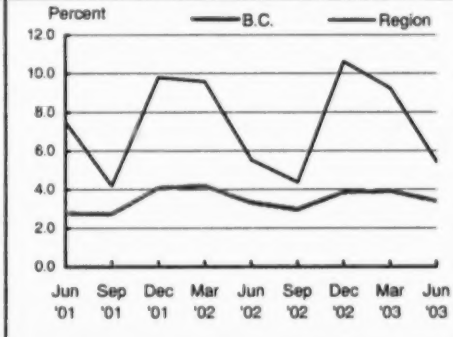
Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996.

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

	Working Age (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Workers (55-64)	
	Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64	
Mar '01	11.7	15.3	11.8	9.6	Mar '01
Jun '01	7.5	-	8.1	6.2	Jun '01
Sep '01	4.2	-	4.2	4.8	Sep '01
Dec '01	9.8	9.7	10.0	8.9	Dec '01
Mar '02	9.6	9.4	9.9	8.5	Mar '02
Jun '02	5.5	9.4	5.5	3.6	Jun '02
Sep '02	4.4	7.0	4.2	3.6	Sep '02
Dec '02	10.6	15.2	10.7	7.9	Dec '02
Mar '03	9.2	14.1	9.4	6.1	Mar '03
Jun '03	5.4	8.2	6.0	-	Jun '03

EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

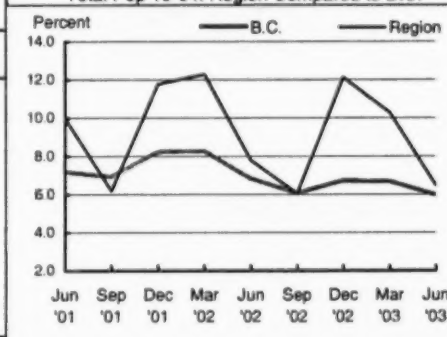
- Data too small to release.

12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

	Subject Group (receiving assistance)	All (19-64)	Young Adults (19-24)	'Mid' Group (25-54)	'Older' Group (55-64)
	Reference Group	Total Pop. 19-64	Total Pop. 19-24	Total Pop. 25-54	Total Pop. 55-64
Stikine Regional District	Jun '01	10.0	-	11.1	-
	Sep '01	6.2	-	6.9	-
	Dec '01	11.8	-	12.5	-
	Mar '02	12.3	-	13.1	-
	Jun '02	7.8	-	8.3	-
	Sep '02	6.0	-	6.1	-
	Dec '02	12.1	-	12.4	-
	Mar '03	10.3	-	10.5	-
	Jun '03	6.5	-	7.1	-

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

Stikine
Region

13 Demographics

This area is sparsely populated and this results in rather erratic demographic statistics. However, the remoteness of the area means that the age structure of the population is consistently younger than that of the province as a whole. The median age tends to be lower than the provincial median, and the ratio of elderly (aged 65 and over) to working age population (aged 18 to 64) is lower than the ratio for the province as a whole. As well, the gender ratio is weighted in favour of males, in contrast to the province as a whole.

14 Projection

The slow down in the forestry industry will likely extend the trend of out-migration for the near future. Births should continue to exceed deaths, for the first half of the projection period but should natural increase should be negative thereafter. Due to increased mining activity and road building, net migration should tend to be positive overall.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

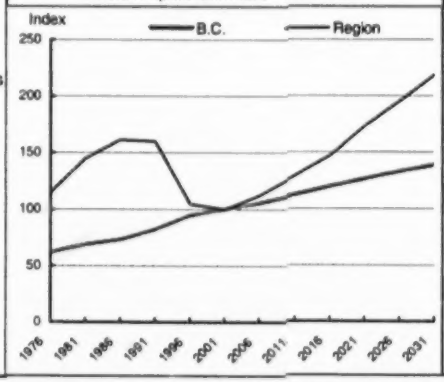
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							Households	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(.000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	0.2	0.4	0.2	0.6	0.2	0.0	1.6	0.5	0.609	0.023	0.632	1976
1981	0.2	0.5	0.3	0.8	0.2	0.0	2.0	0.6	0.538	0.023	0.562	1981
1986	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.9	0.3	0.0	2.2	0.8	0.551	0.033	0.584	1986
1991	0.2	0.5	0.2	0.9	0.4	0.1	2.2	0.8	0.448	0.051	0.499	1991
1996	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.4	0.1	1.5	0.6	0.396	0.064	0.460	1996
2001	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.4	0.1	1.4	0.6	0.404	0.127	0.532	2001
2006	0.1	0.3	0.1	0.4	0.5	0.1	1.6	0.7	0.350	0.139	0.489	2006
2011	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.5	0.5	0.2	1.8	0.9	0.334	0.201	0.535	2011
2016	0.1	0.3	0.2	0.6	0.5	0.3	2.0	1.0	0.326	0.246	0.571	2016
2021	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.7	0.6	0.4	2.4	1.2	0.337	0.296	0.632	2021
2026	0.1	0.4	0.2	0.8	0.7	0.5	2.7	1.4	0.301	0.298	0.599	2026
2031	0.1	0.4	0.3	0.8	0.9	0.6	3.0	1.6	0.270	0.307	0.577	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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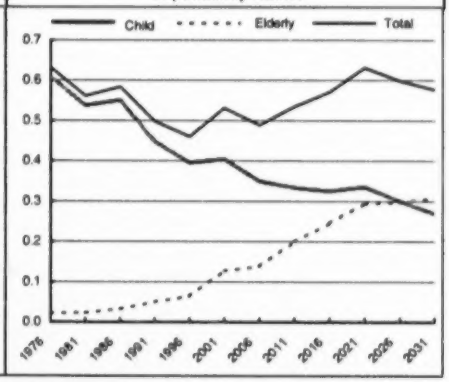


Source: Population data are Projection P-28, run in Summer 2003. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Gibsons, Sechelt, Sechelt Indian Government District

Forestry is the main economic activity for this area, with two large processing facilities at Port Mellon, and considerable employment in harvesting throughout the region. As well, the proximity to Vancouver, combined with relatively inexpensive housing, helps draw retirees and those who can work from home to the area. There are plans to upgrade the ferry transportation to this region, which will make the area more accessible and could lead to further population growth. As the baby boom generation reaches retirement, this region could experience increased population growth.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P28 completed in the Summer of 2003. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2002

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Sunshine Coast							British Columbia	
		Firms with	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
		No Em-ployees	Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	1,349	900	60	26	3	989	100.0%	100.0%	157,421
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	129	73	6	5	0	84	8.5%	5.7%	9,047
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	2	3	0	1	0	4	0.4%	0.5%	778
22	Utilities	1	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	0.1%	154
23	Construction	307	107	4	0	0	111	11.2%	10.7%	16,879
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	62	42	3	2	1	48	4.9%	5.6%	8,797
41	Wholesale Trade	47	36	0	1	0	37	3.7%	6.5%	10,253
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	87	158	7	4	0	169	17.1%	11.3%	17,808
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	46	41	2	0	0	43	4.3%	4.6%	7,319
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	32	12	0	0	0	12	1.2%	1.6%	2,484
52	Finance & Insurance	57	18	1	2	0	21	2.1%	3.4%	5,304
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	139	42	1	0	0	43	4.3%	4.5%	7,019
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	172	82	4	0	0	86	8.7%	11.3%	17,711
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	46	10	3	0	0	13	1.3%	2.1%	3,267
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	62	40	1	0	0	41	4.1%	4.8%	7,564
61	Educational Services	12	9	1	0	1	11	1.1%	1.2%	1,820
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	13	60	9	2	1	72	7.3%	8.6%	13,571
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	29	22	3	0	0	25	2.5%	1.8%	2,808
72	Accom. & Food Services	35	66	13	5	0	84	8.5%	7.3%	11,558
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	71	75	1	1	0	77	7.8%	7.9%	12,476
91	Public Administration	-	4	1	3	0	8	0.8%	0.5%	804

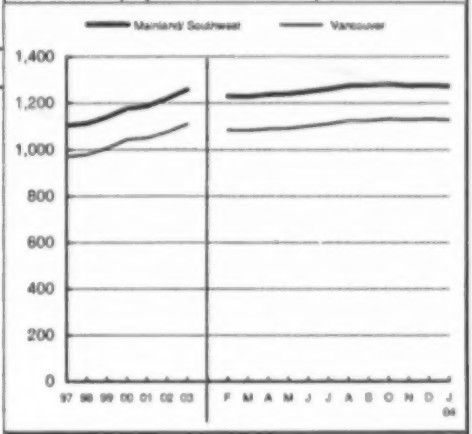
Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division.

Sunshine Coast
Regional District

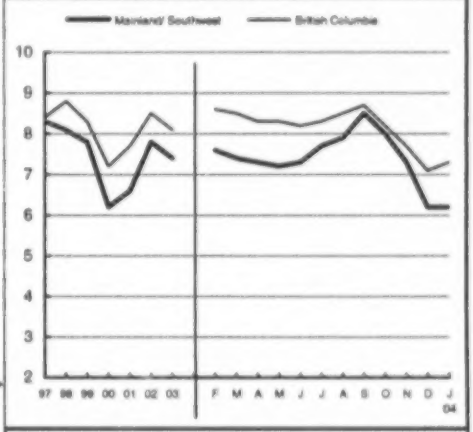
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Mainland/ Southwest		Vancouver		British Columbia	
		Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %	Emp. ('000)	Unemp. %
	1994	0.0	0.0	908.9	8.6	1,754.0	9.0
	1995	1,055.8	7.9	929.6	7.9	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	1,073.4	8.3	948.6	8.0	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	1,104.0	8.3	971.3	8.3	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	1,113.4	8.1	979.6	8.1	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	1,140.1	7.8	1,005.4	7.8	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	1,177.9	6.2	1,044.5	5.9	1,949.1	7.2
	2001	1,187.9	6.6	1,051.1	6.6	1,942.4	7.7
	2002	1,221.6	7.8	1,076.2	7.8	1,973.4	8.5
	2003	1,258.6	7.4	1,110.8	7.3	2,023.3	8.1
2003	Jan	1,236.1	7.6	1,090.1	7.6	1,969.8	8.5
	Feb	1,229.7	7.6	1,084.0	7.6	1,964.3	8.6
	Mar	1,228.7	7.4	1,083.4	7.4	1,971.3	8.5
	Apr	1,238.0	7.3	1,089.9	7.3	1,987.8	8.3
	May	1,240.6	7.2	1,092.1	7.2	2,002.6	8.3
	Jun	1,250.7	7.3	1,102.0	7.2	2,017.3	8.2
	Jul	1,259.8	7.7	1,110.2	7.7	2,038.0	8.3
	Aug	1,275.8	7.9	1,123.8	8.0	2,052.7	8.5
	Sep	1,278.3	8.5	1,125.8	8.6	2,050.9	8.7
	Oct	1,281.5	8.0	1,131.3	8.0	2,051.6	8.2
	Nov	1,275.4	7.3	1,129.3	7.2	2,045.5	7.7
	Dec	1,276.7	6.2	1,131.9	6.1	2,053.8	7.1
2004	Jan	1,272.6	6.2	1,128.5	6.1	2,042.9	7.3
	Feb						
	Mar						
	Apr						
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Jan03	1,168.4	6.5	1,032.3	6.4	1,900.6	7.9
	Jan-Jan04	1,169.8	8.4	1,035.1	8.2	1,899.6	9.6
	% Change	0.1		0.3		-0.1	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



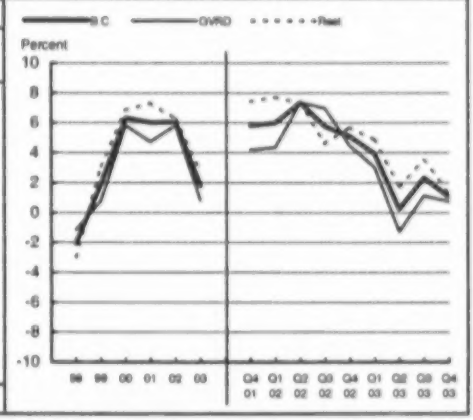
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales			Percent change on year ago		
		B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
Annual	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
data	2002	40,272.6	19,996.5	20,276.1	6.0	5.8	6.3
	2003	40,998.1	20,161.5	20,836.6	1.8	0.8	2.8
	02 4	10,746.4	5,282.7	5,463.7	5.1	4.5	5.7
Quarterly	03 1	9,183.5	4,597.1	4,586.4	3.9	3.0	4.8
data	03 2	10,405.9	5,160.5	5,245.4	0.2	-1.3	1.8
	03 3	10,549.5	5,081.9	5,467.6	2.3	1.1	3.5
	03 4	10,859.2	5,322.0	5,537.2	1.0	0.7	1.3

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

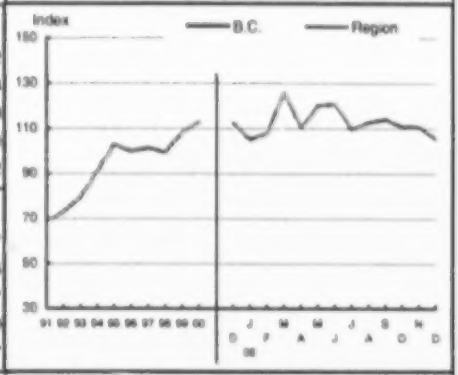
Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



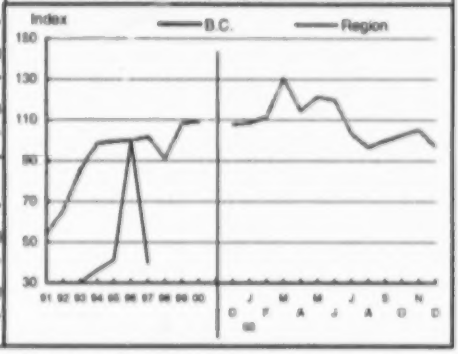
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	1	1	2	2	2
25	Wood	4	3	4	5	4
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	3	2	3	4	3
30	Metal Fabricating	0	0	0	0	0
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	15	12	14	14	12
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	16.0	16.3	44.2	17.6
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	**
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	194	195	292	200
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	0	0	0	0	0
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	**
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	**	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	**	7.8	7.7	10.6	9.3
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	**	**	**	**
30	Metal Fabricating	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	**	**	**	**	**

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

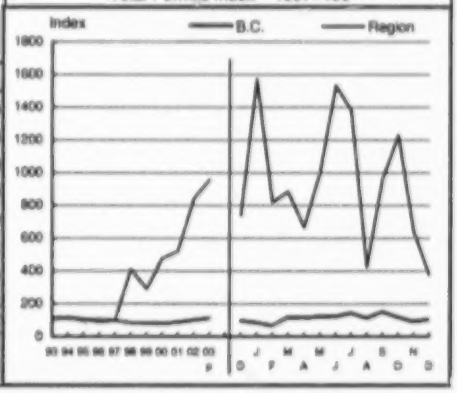


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res.	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Commercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential: Units
	<-- $ Millions -->						
1996	5.7	2.6	0.0	593.4	1.0	3.0	19
1997	6.3	1.8	0.1	575.2	0.1	4.5	23
1998	25.7	7.6	1.0	470.5	3.5	18.1	113
1999	18.2	5.8	-	435.5	0.6	12.4	89
2000	29.9	5.4	1.1	397.0	0.3	24.5	150
2001	32.6	7.5	0.7	531.3	1.7	25.1	144
2002	52.7	12.5	2.1	516.0	5.2	40.1	220
2003 p	60.0	12.4	1.8	771.9	6.4	47.6	236
YTD Dec '02	52.5	12.6	2.1	518.1	5.2	39.9	217
YTD Dec '03	60.0	12.4	1.8	771.9	6.4	47.6	236

Total Permits Index 1997=100



Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

Sunshine Coast
Regional District

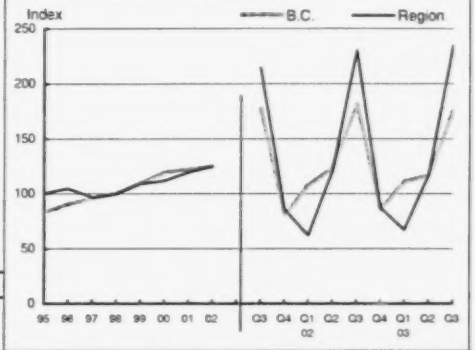
7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Sunshine Coast Regional District	1999	3,382.6	456.8	760.8	1,413.7	751.3
	2000	3,468.6	459.1	766.6	1,577.7	665.3
	2001	3,706.2	464.3	913.1	1,662.5	666.3
	2002	3,881.8	484.8	932.6	1,785.5	678.9
	2003	3,246.8	522.6	906.5	1,817.7	
British Columbia	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,219,898.9	335,825.8	352,914.7	531,158.4	

Sunshine Coast 2002 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

Total	3,881.8	100.0%
Motels	2,017.0	52.0%

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100

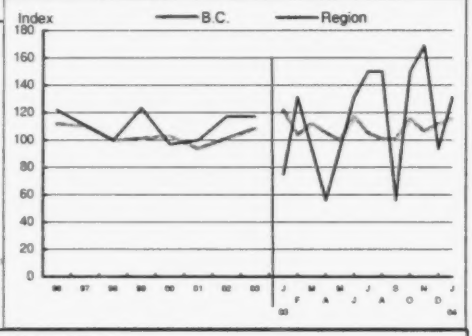


Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1996	78
1997	71
1998	64
1999	79
2000	62
2001	64
2002	75
2003	75
Jan-Jan 03	7
Jan-Jan 04	7

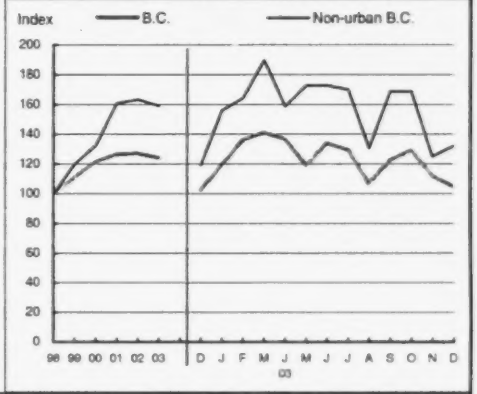
Incorporations Index 1998=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1998=100
Total = Consumer + Business



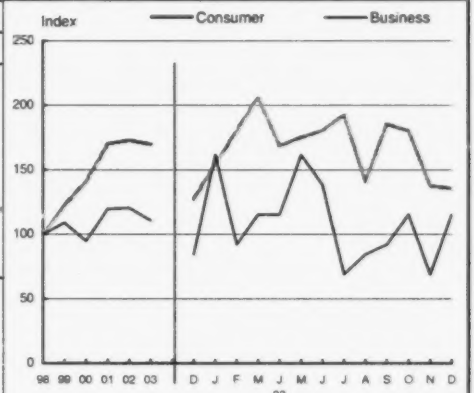
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

Year	Non-urban B.C. Consumer	Non-urban B.C. Business	B.C. Consumer	B.C. Business
1999	854	170	8,181	1,077
2000	983	148	9,184	980
2001	1,187	187	9,476	1,101
2002	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
2003	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
Jan-Dec 02	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
Jan-Dec 03	1,186	173	9,385	1,002

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Non-urban B.C. Indices 1998=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women Tot. Female 19-64	
Sunshine Coast Regional District	Mar '01	6.6	9.6	11.2	5.9	3.4	Mar '01
	Jun '01	6.6	9.8	10.5	5.8	3.4	Jun '01
	Sep '01	6.3	9.8	8.5	5.6	3.3	Sep '01
	Dec '01	6.4	9.5	8.1	5.8	3.2	Dec '01
	Mar '02	6.3	9.3	7.2	6.0	3.0	Mar '02
	Jun '02	4.9	7.4	5.5	4.6	2.5	Jun '02
	Sep '02	4.3	6.7	4.7	3.9	2.2	Sep '02
	Dec '02	4.1	6.1	4.3	3.8	2.1	Dec '02
	Mar '03	4.1	5.9	3.9	3.8	2.0	Mar '03
	Jun '03	3.6	5.0	3.6	3.5	1.7	Jun '03

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

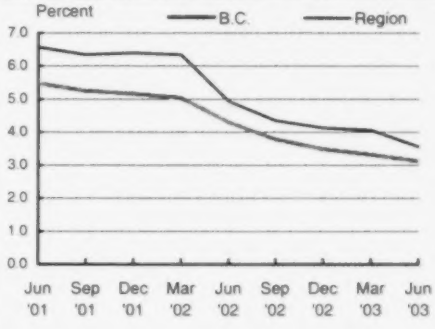
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64	
3.1	4.5	3.4	1.4	Mar '01
2.3	3.1	2.5	1.2	Jun '01
2.7	3.5	3.1	1.3	Sep '01
4.2	4.4	4.7	2.5	Dec '01
4.2	4.3	4.7	2.5	Mar '02
2.8	2.4	3.4	1.4	Jun '02
2.7	1.7	3.2	1.5	Sep '02
3.9	3.1	4.5	2.2	Dec '02
3.7	3.1	4.3	2.1	Mar '03
2.4	2.3	2.7	1.3	Jun '03

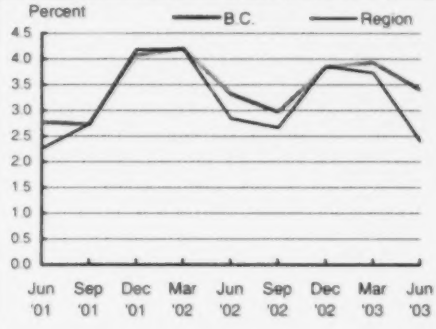
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of June '03)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	765	110,570
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	43.1	39.6
1-2 Years	12.2	14.7
>2 Years	44.7	45.7

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

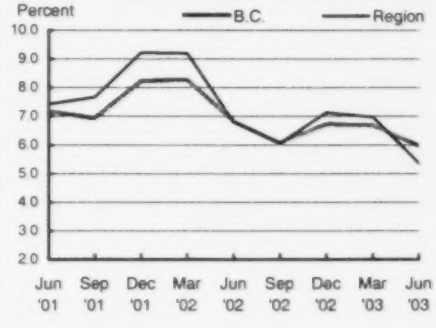
Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64	
Sunshine Coast Regional District	Jun '01	7.4	13.1	8.1	3.0	Jun '01
	Sep '01	7.7	11.9	8.5	3.3	Sep '01
	Dec '01	9.2	12.0	10.3	4.7	Dec '01
	Mar '02	9.2	11.0	10.5	4.5	Mar '02
	Jun '02	6.8	7.8	7.9	3.0	Jun '02
	Sep '02	6.1	6.3	7.0	3.0	Sep '02
	Dec '02	7.1	7.2	8.2	3.8	Dec '02
	Mar '03	7.0	6.8	8.0	3.7	Mar '03
	Jun '03	5.4	5.6	6.1	2.8	Jun '03

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

Sunshine Coast
Regional District

13 Demographics

This area has generally had positive net migration, particularly in the mid-nineties. In the last 25 years the population of the region has more than doubled. Since the region is a popular place to retire, the median age of the population is substantially higher than the provincial median. The ratio of elderly (aged 65 and over) to working age population (aged 18 to 64) is higher than the ratio for British Columbia as a whole. The total fertility rate is slightly higher than the province as a whole.

14 Projection

The proximity to the Lower Mainland and the promise of improvements to the transportation network will likely result in more population growth in this area. As the baby boom generation reaches retirement, there will likely be increasing inflows of retirees to the area. The projection is for strong, sustained population growth over the duration of the projection period.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

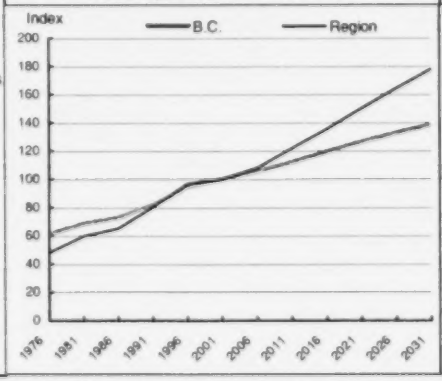
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							House-holds	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	0.9	2.7	1.3	3.3	3.0	1.7	12.8	4.8	0.466	0.219	0.685	1976
1981	1.1	2.8	1.6	4.7	3.5	2.3	15.9	6.2	0.402	0.233	0.634	1981
1986	1.2	2.9	1.2	5.2	3.8	3.0	17.4	7.2	0.404	0.290	0.694	1986
1991	1.4	3.6	1.4	6.6	4.8	3.6	21.3	8.7	0.390	0.284	0.674	1991
1996	1.6	4.5	1.5	7.4	6.3	4.4	25.8	10.8	0.401	0.289	0.690	1996
2001	1.2	4.6	1.5	6.5	7.9	4.8	26.6	11.6	0.361	0.303	0.665	2001
2006	1.0	4.3	2.5	6.1	9.2	5.6	28.6	13.4	0.299	0.313	0.612	2006
2011	1.3	4.1	2.8	7.2	10.3	6.6	32.4	15.9	0.264	0.326	0.590	2011
2016	1.6	4.1	2.9	8.5	10.7	8.3	36.0	18.3	0.256	0.377	0.633	2016
2021	1.9	4.6	2.7	10.1	10.8	9.9	39.9	20.2	0.275	0.419	0.694	2021
2026	2.2	5.3	2.7	11.4	10.8	11.4	43.7	21.7	0.302	0.459	0.761	2026
2031	2.2	6.1	3.0	11.7	11.6	12.7	47.3	23.3	0.318	0.481	0.799	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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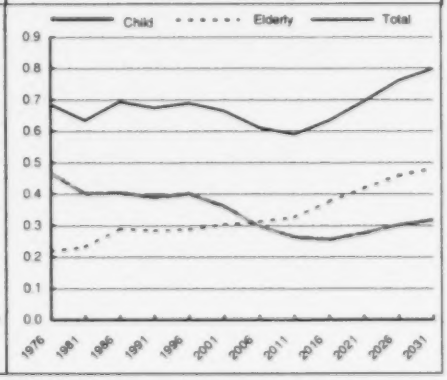


Source: Population data are Projection P-28, run in Summer 2003. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

Thompson-Nicola
Regional District

1 General Economy

Municipalities in Regional District: Ashcroft, Cache Creek, Chase, Clinton, Kamloops, Logan Lake, Lytton, Merritt

Forestry is the main economic activity for this region, particularly in the North Thompson area. In the Kamloops area, mining is another important economic activity. There are two major mines currently operating in the area. The Highland Valley mine at Logan Lake is the largest in the province, employing over 1,000 people. The Blackdome mine near Clinton reopened in 1998 after being closed for seven years, but has since shut down once again due to low gold prices. The mine will likely reopen once prices improve. A development that will have a substantial impact on the population of this region will be the closure of the Highland Valley Mines. The large number of employees at this mine will mean significant population impacts following closure. The mine is scheduled to close sometime around 2009.

The notes above and later in this report on Demographics and Projections are the basis for BC STATS population projection P28 completed in the Summer of 2003. The projections are updated annually to reflect known demographic shifts and economic conditions. Full projections with "Components of Change", "Special Age Groups", "5 Year Age Cohorts by Sex", and accompanying notes are available for B.C., the 8 development regions, the 28 regional districts, the 79 local health areas (LHAs) and a number of "special areas" of local interest which are not part of a province-wide geocoding system. Individual areas are priced at $5 each with a minimum $25 charge for fax or email delivery. Users may self-serve from our site (VISA or MC) and avoid the minimum charge. Paper copies of all LHAs cost $300 and all regional districts are $150. The full B.C. level projection and summaries of the region projections are available free on our Web site: http://www.bcstats.gov.bc.ca.

2 Economic Structure - Number of Firms, by Sector, by Employment Size, December 2002

NAICS Code	Industry Sector based on NAICS Canada (North American Industrial Classification System)	Thompson-Nicola							British Columbia	
		Firms with	Firms with Employees						With Employees	
		No Employees	Less Than 20	20 to 49	50 to 199	200 Plus	All Sizes with Emp.	Percent of Total	Percent of Total	All Sizes
	Total, All Industries	3,854	4,257	374	154	23	4,808	100.0%	100.0%	157,421
11	Agric., Forestry, Fishing & Hunt	422	407	16	6	0	429	8.9%	5.7%	9,047
21	Mining & Oil & Gas Extract.	25	14	0	1	1	16	0.3%	0.5%	778
22	Utilities	4	7	0	1	0	8	0.2%	0.1%	154
23	Construction	647	509	34	16	0	559	11.6%	10.7%	16,879
31	Manufacturing (31-33)	129	165	21	18	4	208	4.3%	5.6%	8,797
41	Wholesale Trade	126	192	20	10	0	222	4.6%	6.5%	10,253
44	Retail Trade (44-45)	287	513	53	27	4	597	12.4%	11.3%	17,808
48	Transp. & Warehousing (48-49)	254	259	14	8	1	282	5.9%	4.6%	7,319
51	Information & Cultural Indust.	25	29	6	3	0	38	0.8%	1.6%	2,484
52	Finance & Insurance	190	111	12	3	1	127	2.6%	3.4%	5,304
53	Real Estate & Rental & Leasing	477	202	11	5	0	218	4.5%	4.5%	7,019
54	Profes'nl, Scientif. & Tech. Srv	344	351	20	4	0	375	7.8%	11.3%	17,711
55	Mgmt. of Companies & Enter.	219	52	6	4	0	62	1.3%	2.1%	3,267
56	Admin. & Sup'rt, Waste Mgmt.	163	221	10	3	0	234	4.9%	4.8%	7,564
61	Educational Services	35	43	3	3	5	54	1.1%	1.2%	1,820
62	Health Care & Social Assistance	39	340	27	15	3	385	8.0%	8.6%	13,571
71	Arts, Entertainment & Recreation	50	79	12	1	2	94	2.0%	1.8%	2,808
72	Accom. & Food Services	142	317	90	21	1	429	8.9%	7.3%	11,558
81	Other Serv's (ex. Public Admin.)	276	404	15	2	0	421	8.8%	7.9%	12,476
91	Public Administration	-	42	4	3	1	50	1.0%	0.5%	804

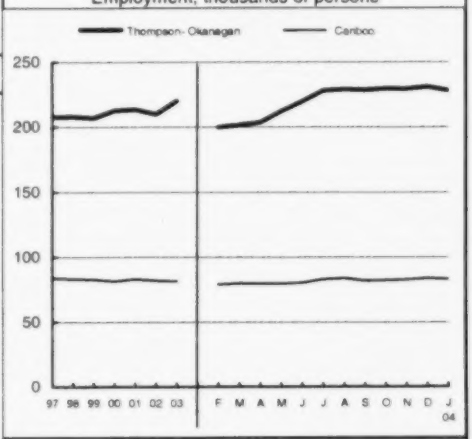
Source: Statistics Canada, Business Register Division

Thompson-Nicola
Regional District

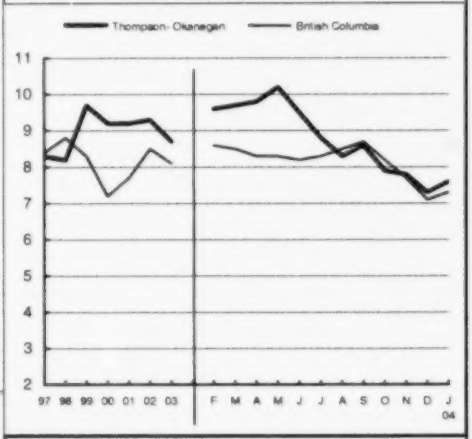
3 Employment and Unemployment Rate, monthly data are 3-month moving average, actual, ending in stated month

		Thompson-Okanagan		Cariboo		British Columbia	
		Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %	Emp ('000)	Unemp %
	1994	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1,754.0	9.0
	1995	194.7	10.2	80.4	9.7	1,792.3	8.4
	1996	201.1	10.4	86.8	8.6	1,821.2	8.7
	1997	207.7	8.3	84.0	9.8	1,869.0	8.4
	1998	208.2	8.2	83.3	14.5	1,870.2	8.8
	1999	207.1	9.7	82.9	11.6	1,906.4	8.3
	2000	212.7	9.2	81.5	9.9	1,949.1	7.2
	2001	213.7	9.2	83.0	9.7	1,942.4	7.7
	2002	210.0	9.3	81.9	12.6	1,973.4	8.5
	2003	220.3	8.7	81.6	11.2	2,023.3	8.1
2003	Jan	204.3	9.4	78.4	13.1	1,969.8	8.5
	Feb	200.2	9.6	79.2	13.0	1,964.3	8.6
	Mar	201.7	9.7	79.9	12.8	1,971.3	8.5
	Apr	203.7	9.8	79.8	12.5	1,987.8	8.3
	May	212.4	10.2	79.7	12.6	2,002.6	8.3
	Jun	219.8	9.5	80.4	13.0	2,017.3	8.2
	Jul	228.1	8.8	83.1	12.1	2,038.0	8.3
	Aug	229.0	8.3	83.9	10.8	2,052.7	8.5
	Sep	228.7	8.6	82.1	10.4	2,050.9	8.7
	Oct	229.7	7.9	82.4	9.8	2,051.6	8.2
	Nov	229.6	7.8	82.9	9.5	2,045.5	7.7
	Dec	231.0	7.3	84.0	8.8	2,053.8	7.1
2004	Jan	228.1	7.6	83.3	9.8	2,042.9	7.3
	Feb						
	Mar						
	Apr						
	May						
	Jun						
	Jul						
	Aug						
	Sep						
	Oct						
	Nov						
	Dec						
Average:							
	Jan-Jan03	207.4	10.6	82.4	10.3	1,900.6	7.9
	Jan-Jan04	196.4	10.8	82.5	14.0	1,899.6	9.6
	% Change	-5.3		0.1		-0.1	

Employment, thousands of persons



Unemployment Rate, Percent



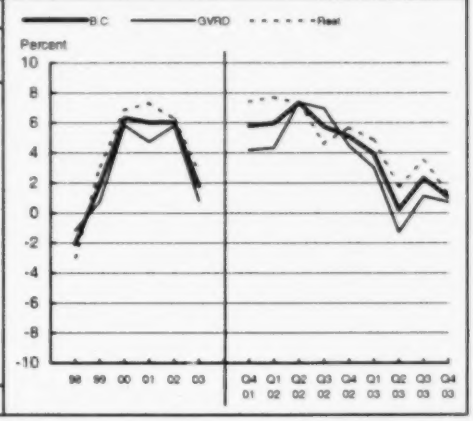
Source: Labour Force Survey, Statistics Canada. Sub-provincial regions are development regions or census metropolitan areas.

4 Retail Sales - based on Statistics Canada monthly survey

Year or Year/Quarter		$ millions of retail sales: B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province	Percent change on year ago: B.C.	Greater Vancouver	Rest of Province
	1999	33,684.3	17,047.1	16,637.2	1.9	0.8	3.1
	2000	35,820.7	18,043.1	17,777.6	6.3	5.8	6.9
Annual	2001	37,979.1	18,897.6	19,081.5	6.0	4.7	7.3
data	2002	40,272.6	19,996.5	20,276.1	6.0	5.8	6.3
	2003	40,998.1	20,161.5	20,836.6	1.8	0.8	2.8
	02 4	10,746.4	5,282.7	5,463.7	5.1	4.5	5.7
Quarterly	03 1	9,183.5	4,597.1	4,586.4	3.9	3.0	4.8
data	03 2	10,405.9	5,160.5	5,245.4	0.2	-1.3	1.8
	03 3	10,549.5	5,081.9	5,467.6	2.3	1.1	3.5
	03 4	10,859.2	5,322.0	5,537.2	1.0	0.7	1.3

Source: B.C. & GVRD data - Statistics Canada, based on monthly survey.

Percent Growth Over Same Period in Previous Year



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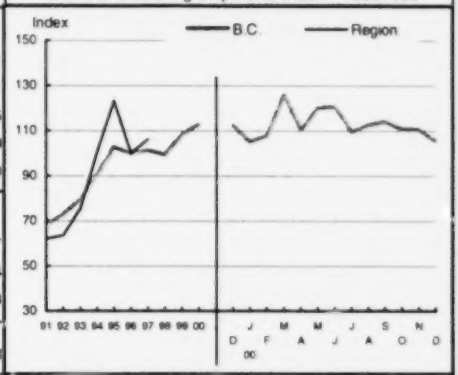
Regional District

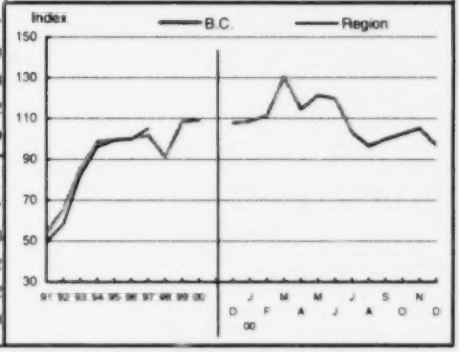
5 Manufacturing Principal Statistics - Search at www.made-in-bc.ca for local firms, products and more

SIC	Industry	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997
		Number of Establishments				
10	Food	0	0	0	2	1
25	Wood	25	25	25	32	31
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	13	13	13	16	16
30	Metal Fabricating	15	15	17	20	19
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	79	83	82	102	100
		Shipments ($ Millions - Manufacturing Activity)				
10	Food	0.0	0.0	**	**	**
25	Wood	442.4	516.7	532.5	536.9	564.4
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	396.5	397.2	416.6	427.8
30	Metal Fabricating	10.0	13.6	23.4	23.3	20.7
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	707.3	945.5	1,155.8	938.4	996.3
		Total Employees (Total Activity)				
10	Food	0	0	**	**	**
25	Wood	1,807	1,985	2,080	1,833	1,880
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	1,425	1,586	1,288	1,323
30	Metal Fabricating	126	140	170	162	202
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	3,280	3,530	3,894	3,657	3,719
		Wages & Salaries ($ Millions - Total Activity)				
10	Food	0.0	**	**	**	**
25	Wood	72.5	86.8	94.7	84.2	90.3
2512	Saw & Planing Mills	**	63.0	70.4	59.0	68.2
30	Metal Fabricating	4.1	4.7	6.3	6.3	7.2
Total	All Manuf 'g Industries	144.3	162.8	187.7	169.3	174.9

Total Manufacturing Shipments Index 1996=100



Wood Industries (SIC 25) Shipments Index 1996=100

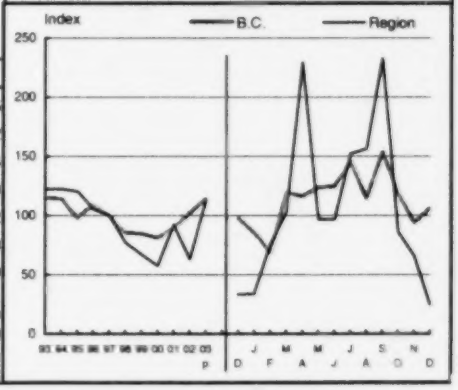


Source: Statistics Canada, unpublished data for regional principal statistics and CANSIM for recent annual & monthly shipments - see appendix.
Note: Charted data joins published points; on charts where intervening data is suppressed line joins only publishable points.
Reporting Period: Any fiscal year ending not earlier than April 1 of the reference year and not later than March 31 of the following year.
Establishment: The smallest operating unit capable of reporting specified input and output data - usually a plant or mill.
Value of Shipment of Goods of Own Manufacture: Net selling value of goods made by reporting establishment, or for its account, from its materials.
Employees: Respondents are asked for average month-end employment.
Wages and Salaries: Wages and salaries are shown before deductions for income tax and employee portion of employee benefits and include payments for regular work, overtime, and paid leave as well as bonuses and commissions paid to regular employees.

6 Building Permits

Year	Total Building Permits	Non Residential: Total Non Res	Non Residential: Industrial	Non Residential: Comm-ercial	Non Residential: Institutional & Gov'ment	Residential	Residential
	<-- $ Millions -->						Units
1996	163.8	57.1	2.6	62.8	14.9	106.7	1,025
1997	155.2	54.4	15.6	62.0	6.0	100.8	912
1998	119.9	50.7	3.8	58.5	14.6	69.2	524
1999	104.3	44.7	2.6	50.5	6.9	59.6	508
2000	89.4	43.5	4.0	53.4	16.3	45.9	322
2001	143.2	77.3	5.3	36.1	15.9	65.9	568
2002	98.1	42.2	1.1	38.2	10.3	56.0	359
2003 p	175.2	92.0	31.4	39.6	35.2	83.2	551
YTD Dec '02	96.7	41.5	1.0	35.5	7.2	55.2	350
YTD Dec '03	175.2	92.0	31.4	39.6	35.2	83.2	551

Total Permits Index 1997=100



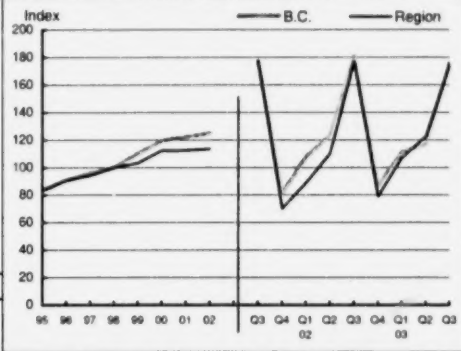
Not all projects require a building permit, and not all municipalities & regions report. Monthly data preliminary. Latest year(s) estimated/preliminary.
Source: Statistics Canada (data collected from municipal and Regional District offices).

Thompson-Nicola
Regional District

7 Tourism Room Revenue ($ Thousands)

	Year	Total/YTD	Q1	Q2	Q3	Q4
Thompson-Nicola Regional District	1999	47,425.2	8,753.2	11,781.2	19,494.9	7,395.9
	2000	51,556.6	9,449.7	13,075.9	21,000.4	8,030.6
	2001	51,678.4	9,863.9	13,368.1	20,385.4	8,061.0
	2002	52,181.7	10,188.9	12,618.6	20,298.3	9,076.0
	2003	46,340.7	12,272.3	14,064.1	20,004.4	
British Columbia	1999	1,329,347.0	270,624.7	326,699.6	503,586.3	228,436.5
	2000	1,442,085.1	293,509.4	357,896.5	533,048.8	257,630.4
	2001	1,473,983.3	326,574.7	366,610.4	535,764.8	245,033.3
	2002	1,506,187.6	325,447.4	372,306.1	546,901.4	261,532.7
	2003	1,219,898.9	335,825.8	352,914.7	531,158.4	

Tourism Room Revenue Index 1998=100



Thompson-Nicola 2002 Room Revenue by Accommodation Type ($Thousands | %Share)

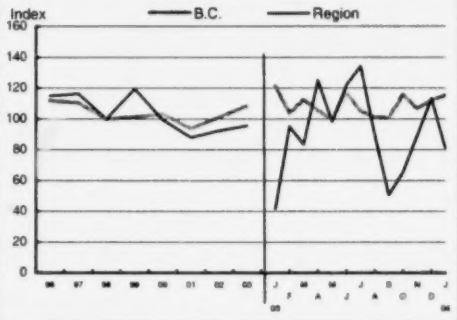
Total	52,177.9	100.0%
Fishing lodges	1,493.6	2.9%
Hotels	21,619.2	41.4%
1-75 Rooms	5,055.8	9.7%
Motels	17,434.5	33.4%
Vacation Rentals	7,574.1	14.5%

Source: Hotel tax database maintained by Consumer Taxation Branch, Ministry of Finance.
Published in detail monthly by BC STATS.

8 Incorporations

Year	Incorporations
1996	463
1997	469
1998	403
1999	482
2000	400
2001	355
2002	372
2003	385
Jan-Jan 03	32
Jan-Jan 04	34

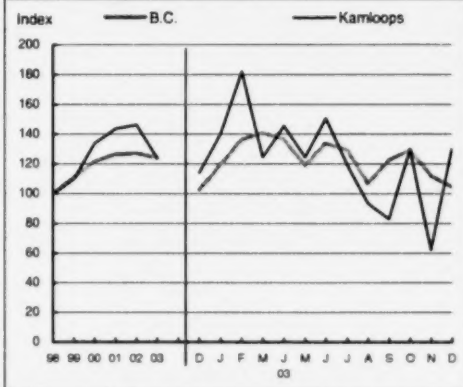
Incorporations Index 1998=100



Source: Incorporations - (B.C.) Ministry of Finance

Bankruptcies

Total Bankruptcy Index 1998=100
Total = Consumer + Business



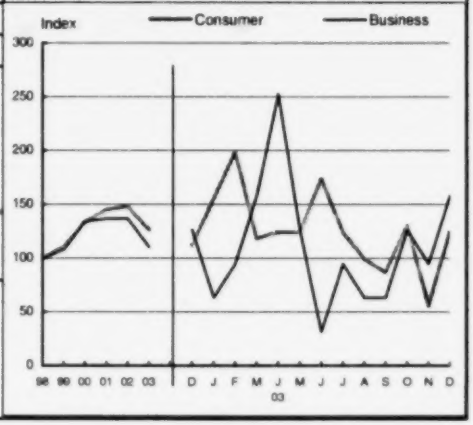
9 Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

	Kamloops		Non-urban B.C.		B.C.	
Year	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business	Consumer	Business
1999	213	41	854	170	8,181	1,077
2000	258	51	983	148	9,184	980
2001	280	52	1,187	187	9,476	1,101
2002	286	52	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
2003	244	42	1,186	173	9,385	1,002
Jan-Dec 02	286	52	1,208	188	9,531	1,107
Jan-Dec 03	244	42	1,186	173	9,385	1,002

Source: Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada
Total bankruptcy index includes business and consumer bankruptcies.

Note: Bankruptcy is not a good measure of business failure. Most firms that fail wind down operations and withdraw from business.

Kamloops Indices 1998=100



Dependence on the Safety Net

10 Basic BC Benefits (formerly Income Assistance)

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving benefits) / Reference Group		All (0-64) Total Pop. 0-64	Children <19 yrs in Families Total Pop. <19	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	Single Parent Women Tot Female Pop. 19-64
Thompson-Nicola Regional District	Mar '01	7.9	11.0	10.4	7.0	3.5
	Jun '01	7.9	11.3	10.1	6.9	3.6
	Sep '01	7.5	10.9	9.2	6.4	3.5
	Dec '01	7.0	10.0	8.7	6.0	3.2
	Mar '02	6.7	9.6	8.3	5.9	3.1
	Jun '02	5.7	8.4	6.7	4.9	2.7
	Sep '02	4.6	6.8	5.1	4.0	2.2
	Dec '02	4.1	5.9	4.1	3.7	1.9
	Mar '03	4.0	5.7	4.1	3.6	1.8
	Jun '03	3.8	5.7	3.9	3.3	1.9

11 Employment Insurance (was UI)

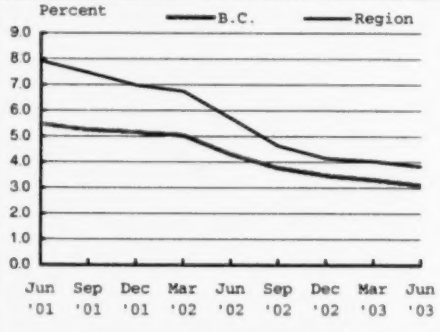
(EI beneficiaries as a percent of Reference Group)

Working Age (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Workers (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64	
5.1	5.8	5.5	3.0	Mar '01
3.5	3.8	3.8	1.9	Jun '01
3.2	3.1	3.5	1.7	Sep '01
5.2	5.6	5.7	2.7	Dec '01
5.7	5.9	6.3	3.0	Mar '02
4.0	4.4	4.4	2.1	Jun '02
3.4	3.7	3.8	1.6	Sep '02
5.0	5.3	5.6	2.7	Dec '02
5.4	5.8	6.0	3.1	Mar '03
4.0	4.2	4.4	2.3	Jun '03

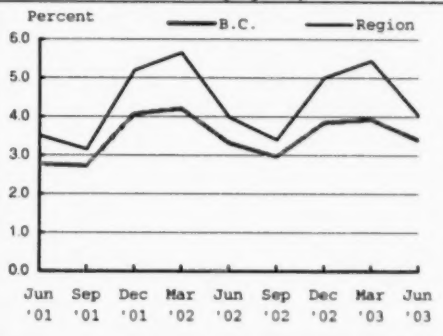
Duration of Dependence on Basic BC Benefits (As of June '03)

	Region	B.C.
Total Number of Recipients	4,049	110,570
Percent Distribution by Duration		
<1 Year	46.6	39.6
1-2 Years	12.7	14.7
>2 Years	40.7	45.7

All* Basic BC Benefits Recipients as % of Total Pop 0-64: Region Compared to B.C.



EI Beneficiaries Aged 19-64 as % of Working Age Population



Source: Ministry of Human Resources Administrative Files and BC STATS population estimates. These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. Included are Youth works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. Excluded are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include Aboriginal people living on reserve. This definition is identical to the one used in the BC STATS reports on IA Recipients prior to 1996. - Data too small to release.

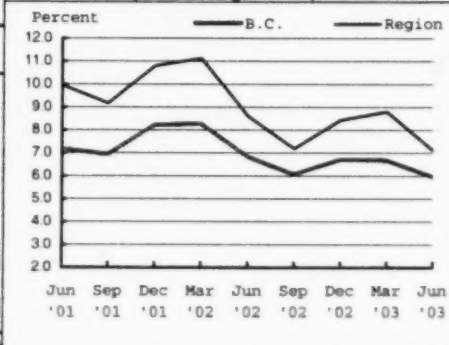
Source: Human Resources Development Canada and BC STATS population estimates.

12 Dependence on Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

(Basic BC Benefits Recipients + Employment Insurance Recipients in Subject Group as a percent of Reference Group)

Subject Group (receiving assistance) / Reference Group		All (19-64) Total Pop. 19-64	Young Adults (19-24) Total Pop. 19-24	'Mid' Group (25-54) Total Pop. 25-54	'Older' Group (55-64) Total Pop. 55-64
Thompson-Nicola Regional District	Jun '01	10.0	13.7	10.5	4.9
	Sep '01	9.2	12.2	9.8	4.5
	Dec '01	10.8	14.0	11.5	5.6
	Mar '02	11.1	13.9	12.0	5.7
	Jun '02	8.6	10.9	9.2	4.6
	Sep '02	7.2	8.7	7.8	3.9
	Dec '02	8.4	9.4	9.2	4.8
	Mar '03	8.8	9.9	9.5	5.2
	Jun '03	7.1	8.1	7.7	4.2

All 'Safety Net' Recipients as % of Total Pop 19-64: Region Compared to B.C.



Prior to June '97, double counting resulted in minor overstatement of this data - see Appendix for details

Thompson-Nicola
Regional District

13 Demographics

Like many regions in British Columbia with a high dependence on the resource sector, this region experienced net migration outflows through the mid-eighties and the late nineties. Otherwise, net migration has been tended to be strongly positive. The gender ratio has recently begun to favour females over males as the population ages and the economy diversifies to include more service oriented employment. The child and elderly dependancy ratios are similar to that of the province, while total fertility rate is marginally lower.

14 Projection

The closure of the Highland Valley Mines affect the population of this area, net migration inflows to the region for several years. However, the diversity of the region's economy will likely mitigate some of the out migration and net migration is expected to tend to be positive and strong. Even though natural increase will likely continue to decrease, lowering the population growth rate, overall positive net migration is expected to contribute to strong population growth by the end of the projection period.

15 Selected Demographic Characteristics

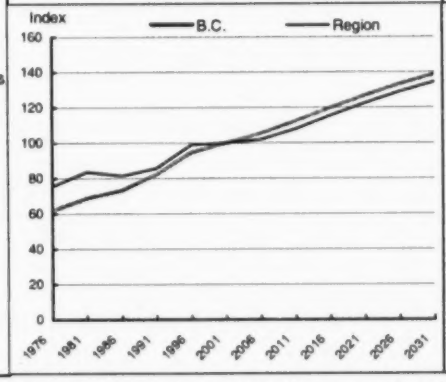
Year	Population by age group, Thousands of persons							House-holds	Dependency Ratios			Year
	0-4	5-17	18-24	25-44	45-64	65+	All Ages	(,000)	Child	Elderly	Total	
1976	8.0	25.8	12.4	27.7	15.6	4.9	94.4	28.9	0.606	0.088	0.694	1976
1981	8.2	24.4	14.7	33.0	17.9	6.5	104.7	35.1	0.497	0.100	0.597	1981
1986	7.6	21.4	11.4	33.4	19.8	8.2	101.8	36.8	0.450	0.127	0.577	1986
1991	7.4	21.3	10.3	34.8	22.7	10.6	107.1	39.4	0.423	0.157	0.580	1991
1996	7.8	23.7	12.1	38.4	28.3	13.4	123.6	46.6	0.399	0.169	0.569	1996
2001	6.2	22.3	11.9	35.7	33.1	15.8	124.9	50.3	0.354	0.196	0.549	2001
2006	5.6	19.7	12.6	33.6	37.5	18.4	127.4	54.7	0.302	0.220	0.521	2006
2011	6.2	18.3	12.1	35.8	40.7	21.6	134.8	60.1	0.277	0.243	0.520	2011
2016	6.6	18.6	11.8	39.5	41.4	26.1	144.1	65.7	0.272	0.282	0.554	2016
2021	6.6	20.3	10.7	42.7	42.0	30.8	153.0	70.0	0.282	0.323	0.604	2021
2026	6.6	21.1	11.3	43.2	43.4	35.4	160.9	73.9	0.283	0.362	0.645	2026
2031	6.6	21.3	12.3	42.3	46.7	38.7	168.0	78.2	0.275	0.382	0.657	2031

Age groups reflect pre-school, school, advanced education, family formation, mature workers and retired.

Child Dependency:
(ages 0-17) / (ages 18-64)

Elderly Dependency:
(ages 65+) / (ages 18-64)

Total Population Index 1996=100



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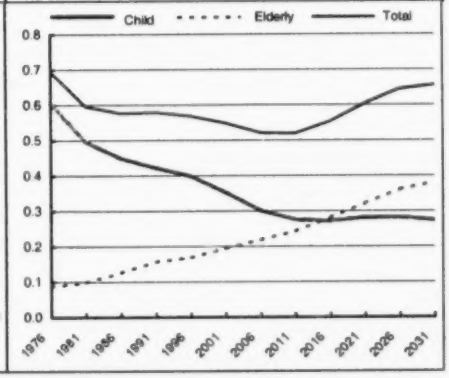

Source: Population data are Projection P-28, run in Summer 2003. Figures are adjusted for Census undercount and are for July 1st of stated year

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Geography

This report is organized by geographic region. British Columbia comprises eight **development regions**, which in turn are composed of varying numbers of **regional districts**. The same set of data tables are presented for: the province of British Columbia; each development region, sorted in numeric order according to the code number, and; each regional district, sorted in alphabetic order.

Regional districts are generally equivalent to Statistics Canada's (SC's) census divisions. Readers are cautioned that regional district boundaries are sometimes subject to change. Langley City and Langley District Municipality were transferred to Greater Vancouver Regional District from Central Fraser Valley Regional District in 1989. Peace River-Liard Regional District has been split into Peace River Regional District and Fort Nelson-Liard Regional District. This report now publishes data for the two new northern RDs. The data for the old Peace River-Liard RD will be the same as for Northeast Development Region. In the Spring of 1999 the name of Fort Nelson-Liard RD changed to Norther Rockies RD.

In 1995, a number of changes occurred in the lower mainland: the municipalities of Maple Ridge and Pitt Meadows were moved from Dewdney-Alouette RD into the Greater Vancouver RD. In January 1996, the remnants of Dewdney-Alouette RD amalgamated with the remnants of the Central Fraser Valley RD (Abbotsford and Matsqui) and the Fraser-Cheam RD to form Fraser Valley RD. While this report is organized according to the new boundaries in the Fraser valley, Tables 5 and 8 within RDs 9, and 15 are presented on the basis of add-ups of the most substantial pieces of the former jurisdictions and Table 6 incorporates a noted break in the series.

The list below shows the relationship of regional districts to development regions. The associated census division number is provided for each regional district.

DR 1: Vancouver Island/Coast
- 23 Alberni-Clayoquot
- 17 Capital
- 45 Central Coast
- 25 Comox-Strathcona
- 19 Cowichan Valley
- 43 Mount Waddington
- 21 Nanaimo
- 27 Powell River

DR 2: Mainland/Southwest
- 09 Fraser Valley
- 15 Greater Vancouver
- 31 Squamish-Lillooet
- 29 Sunshine Coast

DR 3: Thompson/Okanagan
- 35 Central Okanagan
- 39 Columbia-Shuswap
- 37 North Okanagan
- 07 Okanagan-Similkameen
- 33 Thompson-Nicola

DR 4: Kootenay
- 03 Central Kootenay
- 01 East Kootenay
- 05 Kootenay Boundary

DR 5: Cariboo
- 41 Cariboo
- 53 Fraser-Fort George

DR 6: North Coast
- 49 Kitimat-Stikine
- 47 Skeena-Queen Charlotte

DR 7: Nechako
- 51 Bulkley-Nechako
- 57 Stikine

DR 8: Northeast
- 55 Peace River
- 59 Northern Rockies

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Table 2: Economic Structure

This table is based on SC's **Business Register**, the central database which is used to frame all their business surveys. This database identifies business **establishments**, which are normally company locations or plants that are able to separately report basic financial statistics. For further information on the definition of an establishment, interested readers are referred to SC's *North American Industry Classification System (Canada 1997)* manual, catalogue 12-501.

Changes to the Business Register in recent years have broadened the coverage of the file. A new 'indeterminate' category of employment size includes sole proprietorships and those firms without paid employment.

Table 3: Employment and unemployment rate (LFS)

The data for this table comes from the Labour Force Survey (LFS) by Statistics Canada. The series presented here are three-month moving average, actual. This presentation minimizes the volatility inherent in small samples and sample rotation. Data are only available for BC, development regions and the Census Metropolitan Areas (CMA) of Vancouver and Victoria. Vancouver CMA is identical to the 1996 Census boundaries of Greater Vancouver Regional District. Victoria CMA is equivalent to Capital Regional District **less** Subdivision A (the Gulf Islands) and Subdivision D (Port Renfrew) and the Indian Reserves associated with these areas.

Table 4: Retail Sales

We publish SC figures for British Columbia and Vancouver Census Metropolitan Area and calculate the difference as "Rest of Province". Since the new boundaries for Greater Vancouver Regional District coincide with the Vancouver CMA boundaries, the GVRD data in *QRS* is for the new RD boundaries.

SC publishes estimates of monthly and quarterly retail sales for each province by up to 16 **retail trade groups**. This estimate includes only retail sales by firms that are SIC (Standard Industrial Classification) coded to **major group 60, Retail Trade**. The province and Greater Vancouver retail trade totals used in this report are these published numbers, based on the **monthly survey**. The annual survey results differ from the monthly estimates and are not used in this report.

Table 5: Manufacturing Principal Statistics

This table provides selected **principal statistics** based on surveys conducted by SC. Similar sub-provincial data was published by SC in the catalogued publication 31-209 up to and including the 1986 reference year. SC has now released for publication principal statistics for 1992. We have suppressed data where there is the possibility of disclosure of confidential information. There are some differences in the detail of information available to *BC STATS* and to SC. In addition, the suppression preferrences chosen, at our request, have worked against some of the data that *QRS* chooses to publish. More specific industry detail is preserved at the expense of major group roll-ups. This has resulted in the complete suppression of six regional districts and hence the four development regions that include them for the 1992 year and later. As the sub-provincial data is available on an annual basis only, it is supplemented by annual and monthly shipments for the same industries at the provincial level. Monthly shipment data are published in SC 31-001 and, in more detail on CANSIM, which is the

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electronic data base we used to update the series:

D315351 - Canada, total, all manufact'ing
D315497 - Canada, wood industries
D321241 - B.C., total, all manufacturing
D321243 - B.C., food industries
D321387 - B.C., wood industries
D321390 - B.C., sawmill & planing mill
D321431 - B.C., fabricated metal products

Table 6: Building Permits

SC collects building permit data from municipal and regional district offices. Data for many rural areas is incomplete or non-existent. Further, not all building projects require a building permit, and not all projects with a permit proceed or are completed.

As in other series, when at least six months data are available for the current year, a projection of the annual total is provided. However, as non-residential permits are subject to wide variation, projections of industrial, commercial, and institutional & government permits are limited to 130% of the current year-to-date value whenever the current year-to-date figure is more than double the figure for the same period in the previous year. The 130% ceiling has been arbitrarily chosen as suitable when data for six months remain to be released in the current year. As the end of the year is approached a lower ceiling is appropriate. The ceiling is reduced 5% per month as the number of months remaining until the end of the year decreases.

Table 7: Tourism Room Revenue

This table is intended to measure **tourism activity** but includes business travel and other uses of accommodation. The data is based on remittances of hotel room tax to the Ministry of Finance and Corporate Relations. Not all accommodation activity is measured as the statutory requirement is that the tax must be remitted when the establishment has four or more rooms, and no tax is required for a duration of stay of at least one month. This has the effect of excluding many **bed and breakfasts** and **residential hotels**.

Table 8: Incorporations

Tables 8 and 9 are intended to provide an indication of business formation and failure.

Data on incorporations comes from the Ministry of Finance and Corporations. The weakness on the formation side is the failure to include partnerships, extra-provincially incorporated companies, and new sole proprietorship business ventures.

Table 9: Business and Consumer Bankruptcies

We receive bankruptcy data from the Office of the Superintendent of Bankruptcy, Government of Canada, Ottawa. The data are geographically coded to urban centres where appropriate and the balance to a 'non-urban' category. Data for Vancouver and Victoria are for the Census Metropolitan Areas.

Bankruptcy is an extreme form of business failure. Most unsuccessful businesses simply wind down and cease operations. While the level of these series may be of questionable value, the charted region vs. province comparison does provide some useful information.

Table 10: BC Benefits

The **basic BC Benefits** caseload is used to generate recipient data by age and family structure. The BC Benefit program replaced the Income Assistance program in 1996. We have chosen recipient groups that match the

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previously published Income Assistance data to achieve continuity.These figures include only a subset of total BC Benefits. INCLUDED are Youth Works, Welfare to Work, and Age 60-64. EXCLUDED are Disabled Persons, Children in the Home of a Relative, and OAS/Seniors. A recipient is defined in these reports as 'each person living in a family or living alone that is receiving basic BC Benefits'. Data does not include aboriginal people living on reserve. A dash '-' identifies data too small to release.

Table 11: Unemployment

Measures of regional unemployment are only available historically for nine **economic regions** defined by SC. Starting with January, 1995, the **Labour Force Survey** (LFS) is compiled for the eight development regions defined by the provincial government. The LFS samples appropriately in these regions to derive local measures of unemployment. As a proxy for small area unemployment rates, *BC STATS*, using data from Human Resources Development Canada (HRD), estimates the ratio of Employment Insurance beneficiaries as a percent of the working age population in a region. (See also, Table 2)

Table 12: Basic BC Benefits and/or Employment Insurance

The data described for tables 10 and 11 are combined to provide a more complete picture of regional reliance on the "safety net."

Beginning in June 1997, the combined BC Benefit+EI rate in this report has been adjusted to count only once those persons receiving both Employment Insurance and BC Benefits. Therefore use caution when comparing data to pre June 1997 data. This adjustment resulted in an overall decrease of 0.3 percentage points to the BC rate in June 1997.

Table 15: Demographic Characteristics

Population growth can be a measure of the economic well being of an area. *BC STATS* projects population for **local health areas** (approx. 80 in the province) and for **regional districts**. This data is available in considerable detail in print and electronic formats. See the description of regional data products elsewhere in this report.